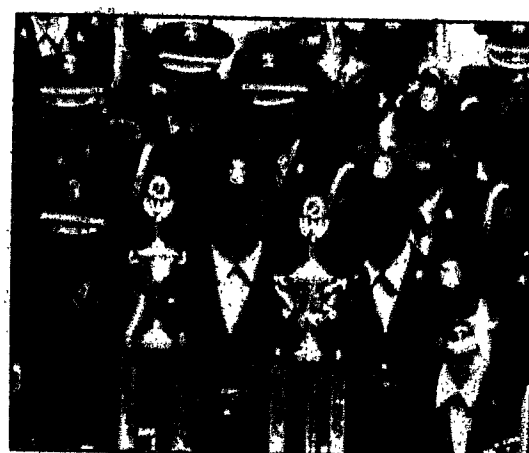




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The Hancock County Master Gardeners work their mastery on the Old Depot in BSL.

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They are the Champions!

Bay High's AFJROTC 'Flying Tigers' soar to victory at tri-state competition in Gulfport.

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Daylight Savings Time has begun

Turn your clocks ahead one hour if you haven't already - daylight savings time began today at 2 a.m.

BBQ benefit for Leticia Dedeaux

There will be a barbecue benefit dinner for Leticia Burge Dedeaux on Saturday, April 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rocky Hill Community Volunteer Fire Dept. Post 58, located at Hwy. 603 next to the American Legion hall. There will be an auction and raffle at 2 p.m. Funds will be used to help offset medical bills for Dedeaux, who suffers from cancer.

Easter egg hunt and parade set

The Greater Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church will host an Easter egg hunt and parade in honor of the Rev. Sams on Saturday, April 14, beginning at 11 a.m. The parade will start from the church and end at Rev. Sams Park. Anyone who would like to enter the parade is welcome.

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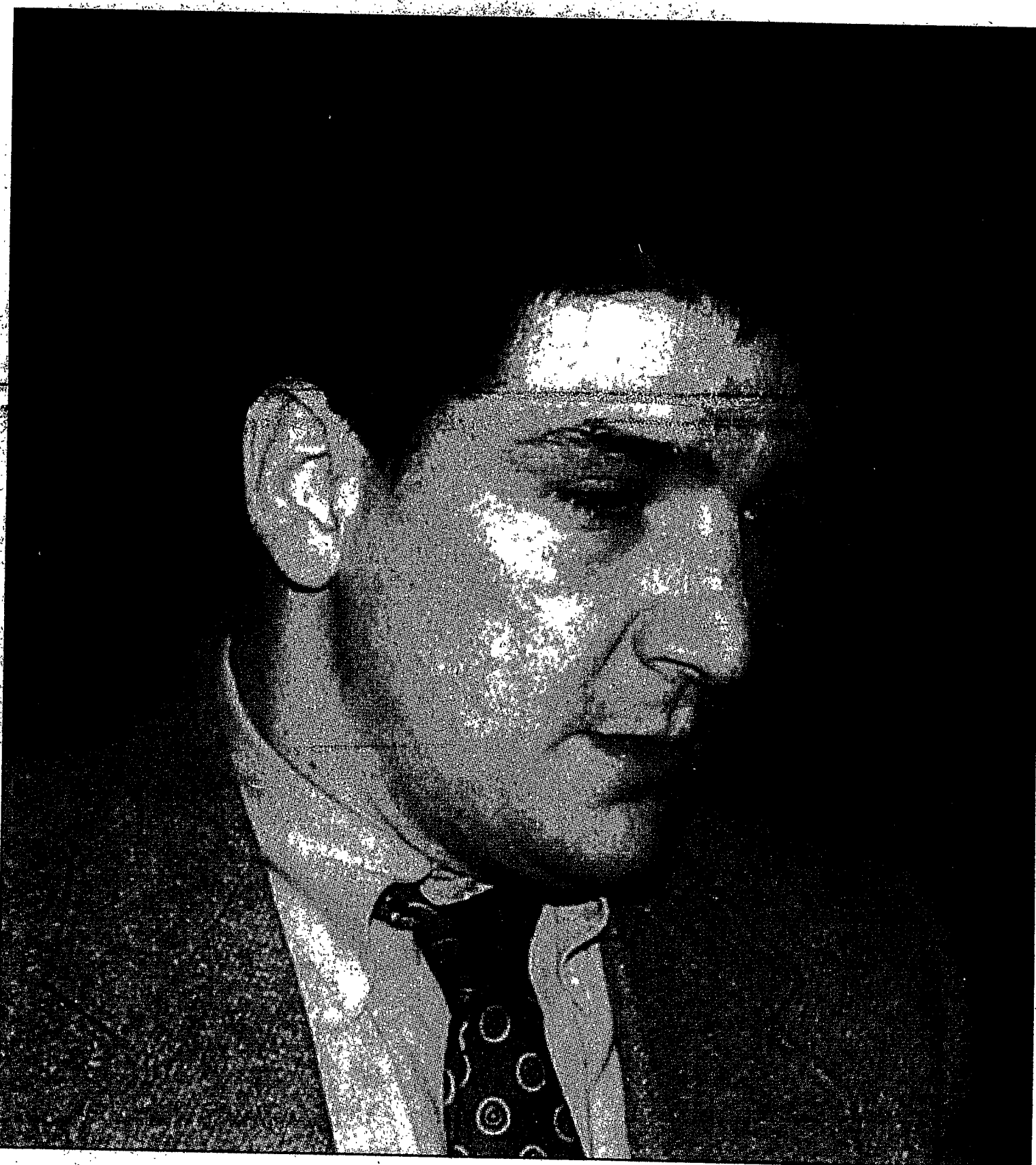
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Seeling gets life

'I loved Draven. I never would have done anything to hurt her - I just ask your forgiveness and beg for mercy.'

-- John Seeling IV, to the jury before sentencing Friday.



John Seeling IV walks back to the Hancock County Justice Facility Thursday evening from the county courthouse after the jury that convicted him earlier that day for the May 1999 murder of five-month-old Draven Archer took a break before deciding whether to sentence him to life or death.

Convicted baby killer avoids death sentence

Seeling receiving threats from inmates

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Convicted baby killer John Seeling IV was sentenced to life in prison without parole Friday after a Hancock Circuit Court jury could not reach agreement.

Judge Kosta Vlahos pronounced the sentence before a hushed courtroom after the jury emerged from two hours of deliberation about 1:25 p.m. Friday. The jury foreman told the judge the panel was deadlocked and could not reach a unanimous decision on whether Seeling should receive the death penalty or spend the rest of his life behind bars without the possibility of parole.

The same jury of six men and six women took only one-hour Thursday to find Seeling, 33, guilty of capital murder and felonious child abuse in the May 29, 1999 death of Draven Archer, who was five-and-a-half months old at the time. That verdict elicited tears from Sheree Archer, the mother of the victim.

Seeling, 33, was charged with the murder of his five-month-old daughter, Draven Archer, in May 1999. He was charged with capital murder and felonious child abuse. The jury found him guilty of both charges. Seeling was charged with the murder of his five-month-old daughter, Draven Archer, in May 1999. He was charged with capital murder and felonious child abuse. The jury found him guilty of both charges.

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A portrait of little Draven Archer, Seeling's victim, taken shortly before her death.

Chemical fire halts traffic on I-10 West

Brakes on 18-wheeler burst into flames, spread

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Traffic in the west-bound lane of I-10 in Hancock County was blocked or slowed for more than three hours Friday while firefighters from all around the county, aided by units from Slidell, battled a chemical fire.

West Hancock Fire Rescue Chief Kim Jones said Friday that at about 6:20 that morning, "The brakes on (a) semi caught fire and before the driver got it out of the road, it spread to the trailer."

The problem, Jones said, was that the trailer was filled with powdered Lexon plastic, which is transported to GE Plastics and converted into pellet form.

The driver, Gordon Kennedy of Indiana-

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Celebrity Chefs Fest hits today

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Get ready to tickle your taste buds. Our Lady Academy's third annual Celebrity Chefs Celtic Fest kicks off today, featuring some of the finest cuisine on the Coast.

More than 20 chefs from local restaurants will again compete for two top culinary awards, a "People's Choice Award" and a

The day's events begin at 3 p.m. and end at 8:30. Food will be served 5 to 7 p.m.

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Walkers stretch Saturday in front of the Waveland City Hall Annex, preparing to complete a five-mile trek to raise funds for research to find a cure for the crippling disease that affects people of all ages. Last year the MS Walk in Mississippi raised \$71,000.

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Waveland pier plans may be slowed

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The next phase of the Garfield Ladner Memorial Pier will include four new pagodas as planned but the contract to build them may have to be re-bid.

Aldermen considered issuing a change order to the present contractors but to partially add two of the pagodas would have cost about \$32-to-\$33 thousand more than expected, and would be around a 13 percent change in the original bid. City Attorney Ronnie Artigues told aldermen that he could not recommend issuing a change order for the project because the change was too large of a percentage. If the change order were disputed, aldermen could be held personally responsible for the money, said Artigues. He recommended re-bidding the job. Public Works Director Ray Eaton recommended that if the job were going out for re-bid, that the city accept bids for the completion of all four pagodas.

In other business: Aldermen tabled a motion which would have allowed the city to begin the needed steps to move forward on a CDBG grant application, which was to be used for infrastructure improvements to support a repertory theater project proposed by Paddle Wheel Productions last week.

Planners of the project said they must have access to Hwy. 90 in order to make the project feasible.

Geraldine Lange appeared to request that the city lend its support to help bring a motivational speaker to the area. "He speaks the language of our youngsters," said Lange. "They listen to him and learn how to be productive citizens."

Aldermen voted to cancel the April 16th workshop due to the Easter Holiday and hold only the regular April 18 meeting.

Winning for John Pursley



Organizers of the fund drive for the children of Bay St. Louis Police Officer John Pursley, who died recently, met at Hancock Bank on Thursday to present the two winners of a draw down at a recent benefit held for Pursley's children. The two each won \$2,500. One of the winners, Marine Patrol Officer Tommy Jennings will return \$1,000 of his share to the benefit fund. From left are Patti Hannah, winner Tanna Adam and daughter Allissa, winner Officer Tommy Jennings and daughter Ashlyne, and Officer Robert O'Neal and daughter Tory. The benefit account will remain open for a limited time at Hancock Bank. Contributions may be made at any branch. Organizers thanked everyone who contributed.

Echo Staff Photo By Bennie Shallbetter

Diamondhead's Nolan is top producer

The Gulf Coast Association of Realtors, Inc. held its annual awards dinner at the Gulfport Grand Hotel March 22. Century 21 of Diamondhead

announces that Betsy Nolan received a life membership award to the Top Producer Round Table. Nolan was the only

Diamondhead realtor to receive this honor for the year 2000. In the history of the award only four other Diamondhead realtors have been the recipient of this award.

To receive the life membership to Top Producer Round Table a realtor must earn a Top Producer Award for five years.



Betsy Nolan

Easter Dog Parade set

Retiring Hancock County police dog "Zaro" will leave the job with a great sendoff. He will have the honor of riding as Grand Marshall with owner, Officer Paul Cox, in the 1st Annual Easter Paws on Parade on Saturday, April 14 in downtown Bay St. Louis.

Registration for the parade will take place at the corner of Beach Blvd. and Court St. from 1 to 1:45 p.m. on the day of the parade. The parade begins at 2 p.m. A \$5 entry fee per dog will go to benefit the Hancock

County/Waveland Animal Shelters.

The Humane Society will sell treats for dogs and their people. Water will be available for all dogs.

A limited edition poster, signed and numbered by artist Paula Leoni will be available to commemorate the event. Prizes will be awarded in many categories, including best costume. "Come join us for some real 'doggone' fun," said Leoni.

For more information call 467-0935 or 467-7993.

'Spring Clean Fling' set in Waveland

The Coleman Avenue Coalition in conjunction with Rickey's Restaurant, Momo Graphics and Ashman Mollere Realty, will host the First Annual "Spring Clean Fling" on Saturday, April 21 in Waveland. Registration to "spruce up the avenue" will begin at 9 a.m.; clean-up starts at 10 a.m. followed by a trashcan painting competition at 11 a.m. till 2

p.m., with judging to follow. Both professional artists and amateurs are welcome to decorate a metal trashcan. Quantities are limited, so reserve yours early. Paint will be provided but bring your own brushes.

Three of the most exceptional trashcans will receive prizes ranging from \$25 to \$100, and T-shirts will be given for special merit. Participation certificates

will be presented to all. Trashcans will be used to add a little cheer to keeping Coleman Avenue and the beach cleaner. Three bands from Mad Mozart Productions will entertain throughout the day. Hot dogs, snow cones and cokes will be sold to benefit the efforts of the coalition.

For more information call 467-3922 or 467-5454.

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"Critics' Choice Award."

Last year's recipients of these top awards were Trapani's Eatery for "People's Choice" and Casino Magic Bay St. Louis for "Critics' Choice."

In addition, there will be a tremendous array of items and services auctioned off. Entertainment will include The Pat Murphy Band, Kilbrannon Sound, Debbie Beyea and the OLA Choir. To get the Celebrity Chefs Celtic Fest off to a "flying" start, there was an aviation show over the beach area located across from the site of the event. And, expect the unexpected. It's April Fool's Day. Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre, Chief of Police Frank McNeil, Fire Chief Robert Gavagnie and Sheriff Steve Garber will be on hand to auction off their jobs for a day.

From the assistant manager for the Mississippi Sea Wolves

to possibly your next door neighbor, you'll never guess which most eligible and well known bachelors and bachelorettes from our community will be on the auction block.

More than 100 goods and services will be auctioned. There will be something for everyone ranging in value from \$15 to priceless.

Some of the items include beach get-aways; a dinner cruise for two aboard Starship's super yacht; an aerial sightseeing adventure for two; artwork by several famous local artists; High Tea at the Windsor Court; Days of Beauty; a stretch limo ride to and from school for a student and up to nine friends; gourmet progressive dinners; an antique organ, furniture, student-made items from OLA, BCE and St. Paul's; golf packages; sporting event tickets; Brett Favre, Ricky Williams &

Peyton Manning autographed footballs; Mississippi Sea Wolves autographed hockey stick; Drs. McMinn & Ledoux orthodontic treatment. Valued at \$4,000 and much more.

Delta Representative Gary St. John from Delta's main offices in Atlanta, will be present to award a winner two round-trip tickets wherever Delta Airlines flies within the continental U.S. or Mexico.

There will also be a drawing for a winner of a \$1,000 raffle for the vacation fund. Tickets are \$1 per chance or \$10 for 12. For Delta tickets, only 100 chances will be sold at \$50 per chance or two for \$80.

The average admission price is \$25 which includes dinner, one cocktail and entertainment. Sponsorship levels are available. For information, contact Debbie Vernon at 228/463-9129 or 228/493-5923

PUBLIC NOTICE
Due to renovations,
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Thursday, April 6, 2001
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Seeling -- sentenced to life without parole

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er of the child, and hugs from friends and relatives who surrounded her in and outside the courtroom.

Archer said afterwards, "He (Seeling) got what he deserved." She said she felt it "took like 100 years" for the case to come to trial. "Now, she (Draven) can rest in peace," Archer said.

There was an emotional climax to a four-day trial that ran the gamut of emotions. Defense attorney Harry Ward alerted Judge Vlahos and put into the record a death threat allegedly made against Seeling, even before he was to be transported to the state prison in Parchman.

The letter apparently was sent to the infant's father, Leslie Archer, who lives in Bayside Park, but who is now divorced from the baby's mother, Sheree Archer.

It was allegedly written by Danny Peterson, who said he was an inmate serving time at the state prison in Leakesville, and was trying to get back to Parchman. He claimed he and his sister, Donna, were in school with Archer.

In the handwritten letter, Peterson expressed sorrow for what happened to the baby. "I want you to rest assured that when he gets up here (Parchman) he will be dealt with even if he goes to protective custody, death row or general population. I have enough brothers in both prisons that can get to him no matter where he goes."

Vlahos told Ward he could not put anything in the sentencing order to protect Seeling from possible violence when he arrived at Parchman, but he advised Ward to contact the appropriate officials at the state Attorney General's office and the state Department of Corrections about the threatening letter.

In Friday morning's court session, Seeling himself faced jurors sniffing and with tears in his eyes, and asked them to spare his life.

"You have spoken and I respect your verdict," Seeling said. "I loved Draven. I never would have done anything to hurt her... I ask your forgiveness and beg for mercy."

Defense attorney Tom Berry read some passages from the Bible dealing with forgiveness and mercy, and told jurors Seeling never contemplated killing Draven. He said the fact the jury found Seeling guilty of capital murder and he would spend the rest of his life in prison was punishment enough and heartbreaking to his mother and grandfather, who were sitting in the front of the courtroom.

"The death penalty does not apply here," said Berry. "That's reserved for serial killers, hired killers... Before this, there's no evidence he (Seeling) ever hurt anybody," said Berry. He noted a death sentence would have to be a unanimous decision made by the jury. "I just need one merciful person and his life will be spared," said Berry.

"Do you want to do what the state wants you to do or what the Lord wants you to? I pray you'll do the right thing. This is not a case for the death penalty," Berry concluded.

Defense attorney Harry Ward went behind Seeling's back and patted his right shoulder. "This is the most compelling reason," Ward said. "There was no criminal intent to take someone's life."

Chief prosecuting attorney and assistant District Attorney Chris Schmidt did not back down from his intent to ask jurors to impose a death penalty.

"The state comes forward and does not take great pleasure asking you to impose a death penalty on an individual," said Schmidt. "But, the facts support it. And, the law allows it."

"The truth is there are some things we can tolerate... the death of a five-month-old child at the hands of a 31-year-old man should not be tolerated."

The prosecution presented several witnesses before the jury during the course of the four-and-a-half-day trial in the historic Hancock County Courthouse. The testimony included statements from a Hancock County Sheriff's deputy and paramedics, who first arrived at the trailer at Kiln after Seeling called 911 and frantically report a baby was

choking. Sheriff's deputies Nathan Hoda (now retired) and Ken Hurt were later put in charge of an investigation after the pediatrician called to examine the child at Hancock Medical suspected the baby was a victim of abuse.

Later, the investigators obtained a taped confession from Seeling, which was played to jurors. On the tape, Seeling said Draven woke up from her nap and would not stop crying. "I kept shaking and shaking her, and threw her down on the floor. I got frustrated," he said.

He said he then picked the baby off the floor, then held her mouth and slammed the back of her head against a wall. "I just lost my cool," he said. He blamed a history of drinking for his problems, and asked the baby's mother and family for forgiveness.

Besides the physician who initially examined Draven, the state also called Dr. Paul McGarry, from the LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans, who is frequently called to Hancock County to conduct autopsies on suspected murder victims.

McGarry, a forensic pathologist, said the child suffered trauma to her head, neck, back and face caused by the drop to the floor and the impact with the wall.

In a more vivid description, Schmidt told jurors after the examination, the doctor "knew Draven didn't choke to death. He knew she was beaten to death." He said Draven "was still alive and gasping for air" after the first fall to the floor, but the slam into the wall was the fatal blow. "Her five-month-old brain shook loose inside her head," said Schmidt.

Seeling and Sheree Archer were dating for about three months, and he often commuted from Destrehan, and spent weekends at her trailer on Dogwood Drive, off Texas Flat Road in Kiln.

The couple, Archer's 10-year-old daughter and the infant, and Seeling's mother had spent May 29, 1999, enjoying the Memorial Day weekend. They started out the day with breakfast at McDonald's, then went to the shopping mall at the Beau Rivage casino in Biloxi,

then ended up with dinner at Rooster's in Kiln.

They returned to the trailer, and Archer left with Seeling's mother to drop her oldest daughter, Desiree, off at her father's home in Bayside Park.

She told jurors she had just given Draven a bath to prepare her for a nap, and when she left, Seeling was feeding her.

Archer later stopped at the Sav-A-Center in Waveland, where she was paged, and told the child was being transported to Hancock Medical Center.

Seeling and his defense attorneys contended during the trial that Draven had a history of heart and breathing problems, and frequently had trouble keeping down baby food.

Seeling said he panicked when the infant began choking, and the injuries to the child were caused when he was listening to the 911 operator and frantically trying to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation, which he had never done previously.


Seeling spent the night with Archer and her family after Draven was pronounced dead. The next day, he was taken into custody for questioning, and jailed after investigators obtained a taped confession.

Archer's friends said the taped confession and the results of medical tests on Draven turned the former girlfriend against Seeling, and she agreed to testify against him during the trial.

"When the jury first came out with the guilty verdict for capital murder Thursday, Archer said, she 'had the feeling' they would also impose a death penalty on Seeling. They didn't, but when defense attorneys asked jurors to spare his life, they noted Seeling would have to spend the rest of his life with the child's death on his mind."

During the course of the trial, defense attorneys made several motions for mistrial, which were denied. The sentence of life without parole carries an automatic appeal.

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Family, witnesses may have spared Seeling's life

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Witnesses testifying on behalf of John Seeling IV painted a portrait of a person who was abandoned by his father as a child, who dropped out of school in the ninth grade, and hung around with a bad crowd.

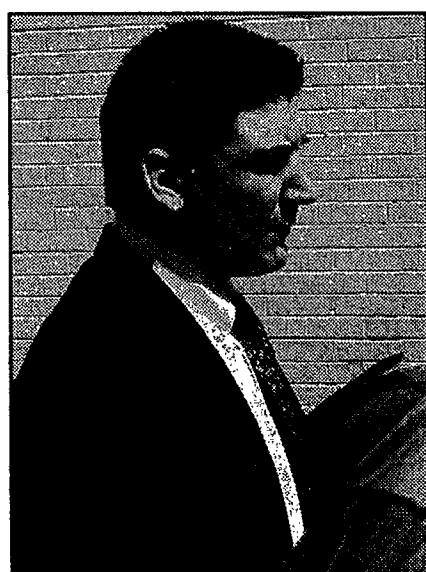
After a jury found Seeling guilty of capital murder Thursday, the defense called Seeling's mother and grandfather to the stand, along with a clinical psychologist the Hancock County jail, where he has been incarcerated since the day after the May 29, 1999 death of Draven Archer, 5 1/2.

Seeling's grandfather, Prentice Loque of Destrehan, said Seeling "stayed with me since he was two years old." He said his daughter, Vivian, divorced her husband and came back to his home with Seeling and his brother, Kevin, who was six months old at the time.

Loque said Seeling started drinking at about 17, and dropped out of high school in the ninth grade. He said he had several arrests for driving under the influence, and was hospitalized for his drinking problem several times.

Loque said Seeling had gone through rehabilitation, and had not had a drink in 10 months when he met Sheree Archer, and started commuting from Destrehan to her trailer in Kiln. "He was happy. He had a gleam in his eye," said Loque. "He loved that baby. I don't think he would ever hurt that baby," Loque said.

Loque said Seeling was also acting more responsibly. He said he signed a note so Seeling could get a vehicle, and Seeling was paying the note, the car insurance, and his mother back \$1,200 he owed her.



Hancock County Sheriff's Deputies lead a stone-faced John Seeling IV back to jail Friday after sentencing by Circuit Judge Kosta Vlahos.

Loque said during his incarceration, Seeling called him twice a week from the jail. "I still love him. I'll never give up on him," said Loque.

Mrs. Seeling, a petite, brunette who sat on the front row of the courtroom throughout the trial, clutched a Kleenex tissue in her right hand, as she repeated almost the same story. She said her mother and father were the children's sole support until she was able to get a job after the divorce.

She said Seeling's father gave him the nickname "Tiger," and it stuck throughout his life.

Mrs. Seeling said her son started drinking around the age of 15 "and mingling with the wrong crowd." But, she said she did not think he had a drink in the last seven to eight months before the child's death.

Mrs. Seeling said she enjoyed a "nice relationship" with Sheree Archer, the child's mother, up until the child's death and Seeling's incarceration.

She told defense attorney Harry Ward she still loved Seeling after the jury had found him guilty of capital murder. "I loved him yesterday and I love him today," she said.

Asked whether she accepted the verdict, Mrs. Seeling said. "No. I don't believe John could have done this."

A Hancock County Sheriff's deputy who is night supervisor at the jail told jurors Seeling got into two scuffles inside the jail, but he did not consider him a problem inmate. He said Seeling was respectful of jail personnel.

Dr. Stefan Massong, a clinical psychologist from Ocean Springs, said he interviewed Seeling for three hours at the county jail about three weeks ago, and administered a series of tests to him.

He said, "There was no evidence he is an aggressive individual. He never hurt anyone."

Massong said Seeling's problem with drinking started during adolescence and progressed over the years to the point that he was an alcoholic. On some occasions, Massong said Seeling contemplated suicide, and he was on medication because he is "clinically depressed."

Massong said he did not think Seeling would have trouble getting along with other prisoners or that he would be a danger to anyone.

The family members and others were called in efforts by the defense to have jurors spare his life.

It was obvious, their testimony carried some weight. Jurors found themselves unable to agree on the death penalty or life without parole, leaving the sentence of life without parole to be imposed by Circuit Judge Kosta Vlahos.

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Who will be steering next year's budget through the rough economic seas ahead?

As the 2001 legislative session ground to an end, Gov. Ronnie Musgrove and the Legislature were playing a high stakes blame-game on who has the right course for steering next year's budget through the rough economic seas ahead.

The political future of each of them could be riding on who guessed right and who guessed wrong when tax collections for FY 2002 start coming in after July 1.

Musgrove, as the session's final week began, was poised to use his veto pen on dozens of appropriations bills unless at least \$100 million was cut out of them.

Lawmakers were poised to override him, contending they had already cut agencies \$240 million and weren't ready to cut them any more.

Each was trying to set up the

other one as the fall guy if the FY 2002 budget goes sour and wholesale mid-year cuts have to be made in state agency budgets and pink slips are handed out by the hundreds to state workers.

Musgrove wants the cuts made now, on Legislature's watch rather than after July 1 on his watch. Public opinion seemed to have swung in his favor.

Nevertheless, lawmakers, not wanting to face angry state workers when they go home, appeared determined to whistle past the graveyard of a souring economy and not make the spending cuts.

They'd rather let Musgrove worry about cutting agency's appropriations after the new fiscal year begins so then he will take the rap for laying off workers.

This Legislative strategy may well have an unintended consequence: Lawmakers, who have historically closely guarded their control over the budget would hand Mississippi's constitutionally "weak" governor considerably more power.

Meantime, no one around the Capitol was willing to use the dreaded "t" word - raising taxes - although that is what both Musgrove and lawmakers could be driven to by the end of the year if the economy goes into free-fall and new budget cuts endanger teacher pay and other vital programs.

Some fear the current situation could be a reprise of 1991

when the national economy fell into recession, and then-Gov. Ray Mabus, resisting any tax hike, made draconian budget cuts even in the Minimum Foundation school program.

Faced with more budget cuts early in the following year, lawmakers went straight for the state's bread-and-butter revenue source - the general sales tax - raising it from 6 to 7 per cent.

That move stabilized educational funding and made some money available to put into school bricks and mortar and books.

But it put Mississippi's state sales tax rate - a tax largely

paid by consumers - the highest in the nation, since we allow no exemptions on food purchases in groceries.

Some believe legislative fiscal leaders, knowing since the latter part of 2000 that the state faced a budget shortfall, should have drawn up a Plan B including some revenue enhancements through tax adjustments to keep needed state services funded and avoid making deep budget cuts.

However, no one, neither the Musgrove Administration, nor the Legislature had the vision, or courage, to initiate such a fall-back plan because it would have the scent of raising taxes.

Unfortunately, some fiscal leaders have begun scraping any barrel of cash they can find and they have come very close to making raids on the \$686 million tobacco case settlement

trust fund, the interest on which is dedicated to health care, and also the Education Trust Fund, to which oil and gas severance taxes have been gradually dedicated for the past 12 years.

State Treasurer Marshall Bennett doesn't believe the state is in a fiscal crisis. Not yet, anyway. But awful close to it.

Bennett last week met with representatives of Moody's, the nationally-recognized bond rating service. They told him 32 states are now facing budget shortfalls similar to Mississippi's.

Some states are raising taxes or making big budget cuts, "but some are doing nothing, hoping the economy will get better," he said.

In Mississippi it appears budgeters are also pretty much traveling on a wing and a prayer.



Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

I hope you have not forgotten to advance your clocks one hour for the time change which went into effect at 2 this morning. We have to 'spring forward' once again with the time change.

Jimmie Ladner, general chairman for the 12th annual Red Beans & Rice Cookoff tells me they can still use more teams of cooks for the big cancer fund raiser set for Monday, April 23.

This is always a fun event, and it brings together some 'experts' in the culinary art of cooking red beans and rice.

The chefs are divided into four categories: government, restaurants, organizations and businesses.

Over the years there have been all types of winners, even individuals, who realize the importance of the cookoff in its support of the Cancer Society.

I can even recall a time when Chuck Breath was a top winner representing Hancock Bank.

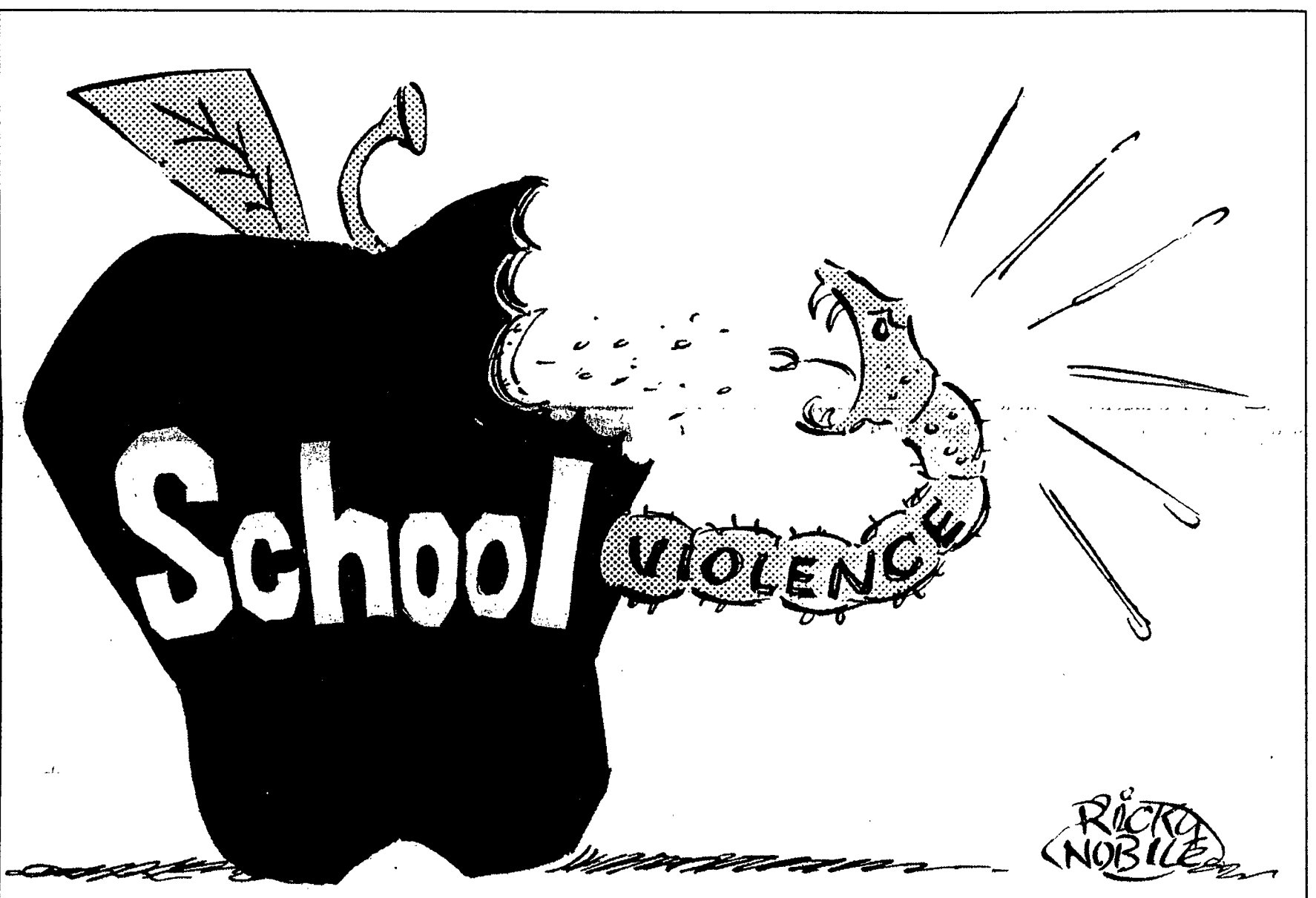
You notice one of the categories is government. Well our elected officials participate in each cookoff with one group trying to outdo the other. Our own U.S. Congressman Gene Taylor of Bay St. Louis is a regular participant.

Last year there were some 35 participants, and Ladner is hoping to top 40 this year.

To make the cookoff successful, there is also a need for folks from the community to participate by coming by for lunch on April 23 between 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hancock County Civic Center, Longfellow Road.

There will be a large number of door prizes just like last year, and tickets are only \$6 each, which entitles one to eat as much beans and rice as possible. Tickets will be available at the door or can be purchased at the Hancock County Tax Collector's office, Jolly Rogers Printing and Diamondhead Century 21.

Individuals, groups, organizations, etc., interested in participating in the cookoff may contact Ladner or Sandra Hoda at 466-5791.



TECHNICALITIES

By State Auditor
Phil Bryant

NEW LOCATION FOR THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE

The State Auditor's Office has moved to the 8th floor of the Woolfolk State Office Building, next to the State Capitol. The new address is 801 Woolfolk Building, 501 North West Street, Jackson, MS 39201, or mailing address is PO Box 956, Jackson, MS 39205.

SCHOOLS

Q What revenue code should be used for funds received for CHIPS?

A CHIPS funds are part of the federal State Children's Insurance Program, CFDA#93.767. The funds are expenditures from the 10% administrative costs allowed at the state agency level. These funds should be coded to revenue code 4230 by the school districts that receive the finder's fee from the Medicaid Office.

Q Are garbage and sewage services subject to bid requirements?

A Yes. Section 31-7-13(r) establishes requirements for solid waste contract proposal procedures.

Q How should payments to a

police or sheriff's department from school districts which are in partnership in the COPS in Schools Program be accounted for?

A The COPS in Schools Program is a federally-funded program from the Department of Justice.

Typically this program involves a contract between the school district and the local police or sheriff's department to provide security service for the school district.

Funds received by the school district should be receipted as restricted federal funds within a special revenue fund for COPS. Payments to the local law enforcement agency are contractual services and should be supported by detailed invoices.

Q Is there any dollar limit on the borrowing of 16th Section Principal Funds for legitimate purposes?

A No. Section 29-3-113, states in part that, "The Board of Education shall have the authority to borrow such funds..." The limit is the amount held by the school district that is legally required to be part of the 16th Section Principal Fund of the school district.

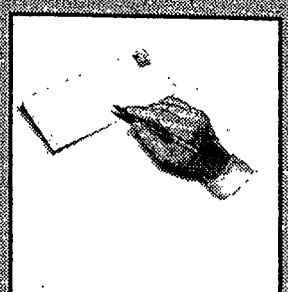
COUNTIES

Q May an existing county road erroneously left off the offi-

Letters to the Editor

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cial road map and register be included on the map and register?

A The failure of a county to list an existing public road on the road map does not necessarily imply that abandonment has occurred.

The board of supervisors has discretion to make findings and enter into its minutes the reasons why a road was mistakenly not listed, and may then amend the register to include the road, but only if the board finds that the road existed as a county road at the time of the initial adoption of the official road map and register.

(Attorney General's opinion to Dulaney dated January 12, 2001)

Q Is a constable who serves as a bailiff during justice court

entitled to a fee of \$40 per day? A Section 25-7-27(e) allows constables serving as bailiff in any court in a civil case to be paid by the county on allowance of the court, an amount equal to the per them compensation provided under Section 25-3-69, currently \$40, for each day or part thereof. There is no provision for a bailiff fee in criminal cases.

(Attorney General's opinion to Erby dated February 2, 2001)

Q Do county patrolmen, authorized by Section 45-7-1 through 45-7-43, fall under the authority of the Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training as it relates to certification?

A Yes. (Attorney General's opinion to Houston dated February 2, 2001)

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Best bean cookers sought

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

The 12th annual American Cancer Society's Red Beans Cook-off is set for Monday, April 23, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hancock County Civic Center, Longfellow Road, with Hancock County Assessor/Collector Jimmie Ladner serving as general chairman.

"This is a very important fund raiser for the American Cancer Society, and I am hoping we will have some 40 teams competing this year," Ladner said. Last year there were some 35 competitors.

This year a new award has been added Ladner said. It is the Camellia Bean Award. Beans for the Cook-off participants which are already in Ladner's hands are furnished by Camellia.

Participants are divided into four categories: government, restaurants, organizations and businesses.

"Even individuals are urged and welcomed to participate in the Cook-off. This is our 12th event, and some of the regular participants are Coast Electric, GE Plastics, Hancock Bank, Calgon, political groups, restaurants, civic organizations, etc., and we can still use more," Ladner added.

The fund raiser began some 12 years ago and continues to grow and increase proceeds for the Cancer Society. The general chairman for the past two years was Hancock County Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar. Some \$10,000 was raised last year.

The general public plays an important roll, too, as there is an admission fee of \$6 per person which entitles them to all of the red beans and rice they can eat.

The participants' supply the

rice and 'secret' ingredients. The beans and rice being cooked before the event.

Dessert in the form of bread pudding is supplied by Waveland Market Center and Diamondhead Supermarket.

Among the

area director.

Ladner reports one of the new teams to participate this year will be the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg.

Judges for the Cook-Off are John "Chappy" Chapman, Paul La Violette, Judge Steve Simpson and Ellis C. Cuevas.

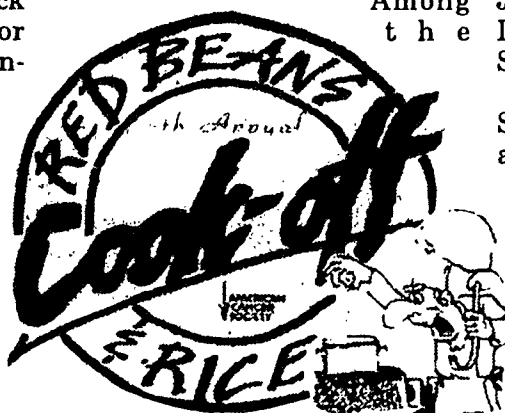
Hancock County Retired Senior Volunteers (RSVP) will assist at the Cook-Off in ticket collections, etc.

Tickets will be available at the door or may be purchased in advance at the Diamondhead Century 21, Hancock County Tax Assessor's office, or Jolly Rogers Printing and Sign Company. Jolly Rogers also assists with printing materials for the Cook-Off.

Persons seeking further information may call Ladner, or Sandra Hoda at 466-5791.

Ladner closed by saying, "You know, this is a fun time for the participants, as well as a great time for those in the community who come and join us for this special fund-raising dinner. We will appreciate the participation of everyone in the county and even our neighbors across the Bay. Remember the date, Monday, April 23."

Please call 466-5791 for registration information.



original organizers of the first few Cook-offs were Janet McQueen, Anne Schmidt Andry and Basil Kennedy.

There will be a silent auction during the Cook-Off, according to Ladner, and items for it will be greatly appreciated.

Top honors will go to the winner of the Golden Bean Award. There will be an award for Showmanship, and Best Bean for each category, and also a People's Choice Award, in addition to the Camellia Bean Award, which will be given for the most unique beans.

Entertainment will be provided by DJ Eric Ross, and there will be numerous door prizes, many given away by participants during the three-hour period.

Among the committee members joining Ladner this year are Rickey Adam, Margaret Hadden, Bay Police Chief Frank McNeil, Bay Assistant Police Chief Dave Stepro, Bay Fire Chief Robert Gavagnie, Tim Kellar, and Sandra Hoda. Kerry Clark is the Cancer Society's

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Learn how to design, stock and maintain your farm pond from the experts. Whether you have a hundred acres or three - you may consider having a pond to enjoy.

Experts will answer questions on chemicals that are needed to control the unwanted weeds that destroy the delicate balance needed to have a healthy pond and what not to do when fishing your pond, and which fish to stock and in what order.

Ponds can be a large investment, and if not properly maintained or designed, you are lit-

erally throwing your money down the drain.

When you decide on a location for the pond, you need several things to make it a workable location, like finding out if your site has a good clay base and if you will have water supplying your site.

These are some of the questions that will be answered at this clinic.

Speakers are USDA Natural Resources Conservation Biologist David R. Thomas, Hancock County Soil & Water Conservation District Technician Kelvin Burge and USDA District Conservationist David Smith.

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SPORTS

SSC holds winter sports awards ceremony

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

St. Stanislaus College held its annual winter sports awards ceremony on Sunday, March 25, in the OLG Community Center. The ceremony honored the accomplishments of student-athletes in cheerleading, soccer, and basketball in the junior high and senior high level.

The junior varsity cheerleaders were coached this season by Brandi Schuff. The cheerleaders were made up of students from Our Lady Academy and are Lindsey Boudreau, Teddi Calamuse, Kolbi Cameron, Ashleigh Dugas, Lauren Gibson, Gretchen Karl, Ashley lady, Lindsey Lewandowski, Mallory Meyers, Lisa Reboul, Sadie Thurman, and Rachel Wright.

The varsity cheerleaders were coached this year by Mr. Michael Emmer and are Ashley Alford, Shelia Barter, Brady Bordelon, Anne Dane, Jessica Heaton, Ashton Johnson, Kristen Ladner, Natalie Mitchell, Shawn Negretto, Courtney Pitolo, and Carrie Wilcox.

The junior high and senior high athletes at SSC are honored with a certificate of participation or a letter. If the athlete maintained a grade point average of 3.0 or higher during the season, they are also awarded with an academic excellence certificate.

The junior high soccer team was coached this year by Mr. Charles Oliver, Jr. Oliver is a 1994 graduate of SSC. Those athletes receiving participation and academic excellence certificates are Jackson Benvenuti, Devin Caboni-Quinn, Kody Cannon, Eric Cranford, Heath Hansell, Troy Johnston, Austin Ladner, and Matthew Milner. Those receiving participation certificates were Jesus Arizpe, Brooks Breland, Patrick Donohoe, Jorge Hoyos, Ricardo Lopez, Brennan Marlowe, Justin Noah, Tomas Rodriguez, and Cody Seal.

The Coach's Awards for junior high soccer went to Austin Ladner and Brooks Breland. The Outstanding Defensive Player award went to Heath Hansell and Devin Caboni-Quinn. The Outstanding Offensive Player award went to Kody Cannon and Eric Cranford.

The junior varsity and varsity soccer teams were coached by Andy Kivlan and Oliver. The athletes receiving participation and academic excellence certificates were Kody Cannon, Eric Cranford, Heath Hansell, Troy Johnston, and Austin Ladner. Brooks Breland received a participation certificate for junior varsity soccer.

The junior varsity Coach's Award went to Will Boxx and Jeremy Keller. The Hustle Award went to Josh Lingsch.

Corey Vollenweider earned the Most Improved award. The Outstanding Defensive Player award went to Trey Treutel and Jeremy Boelte. Jake Johnson and Michael Kivlan earned the Outstanding Offensive Player award.

Those receiving varsity letters and academic excellence certificates were Jeremy Boelte, Jarrod Bourgeois, Will Boxx, Beau Brodtmann, Peter Doty, Neil Favre, Luca Giardino, David Heaps, Jeremy Keller, Michael Kivlan, Stephen Kulikowski, Kyle Lewis, Josh Lingsch, Sean Olsen, Marshall Ticer, Trey Treutel, Baxter Turfitt, and Corey Vollenweider.

The varsity soccer players receiving varsity letters were Bryce Breland, Brennan Brooks, Drew Cranford, Todd Farrar, Mike Fitzmaurice, Jeffrey Hansell, Tommy Henry, Jake Johnson, Billy Kenny, Michael Leonard, Patrick Natal, Josh Pitolo, Matt Powell, and Jimmy Strickland.

Mike Fitzmaurice and Baxter Turfitt merited the Coach's Award for the varsity team. Hustle awards went to Bryce Breland and Brennan Brooks. The 12th Man award went to Beau Brodtmann. Jimmy Strickland and Stephen Kulikowski earned the Outstanding Defensive Player awards. David Heaps, Peter Doty, and Kyle Lewis brought home the Outstanding Offensive Player awards. The Mr. Rock-a-chaw award went to Matt Powell and Neil Favre.

The seventh grade basketball team was coached this year by Stan Dellenger. Those receiving academic excellence and participation certificates were Brandon Butler, Gerardo Camacho, Austin Gaffney, Francisco Gonzalez, Cole Larsen, Owen McNally, Brad Reinhart, Sylvester Twigg, and Jason Zedak. Sean Anderson, Danilo Balaguer, P.J. Ferrer, Jason Lewis, Kevin Macuick, Jay Pitre, James Tomasich, and Fernando Trevino all earned participation certificates.

Brandon Butler and Austin Gaffney earned the Coach's Awards. Cole Larsen merited the Most Improved Award. Jay Pitre took home the Hustle Award. James Tomasich earned the Outstanding Offensive Player award while Sean Anderson and Owen McNally claimed the Outstanding Defensive Player award.

The eighth grade basketball team was coached this year by Jerry Spell. The athletes that earned participation and academic excellence certificates were Michael Cure, William Glass, Ramsey Shawa, Jay Spell, and Grant West. Bret Bentz, Chris Gorrondona, Blaine LaFontaine, Lorenzo Lewis, Ryan Morales, Christian Walter, and Derrick Willis all earned participation certificates. William Glass claimed the

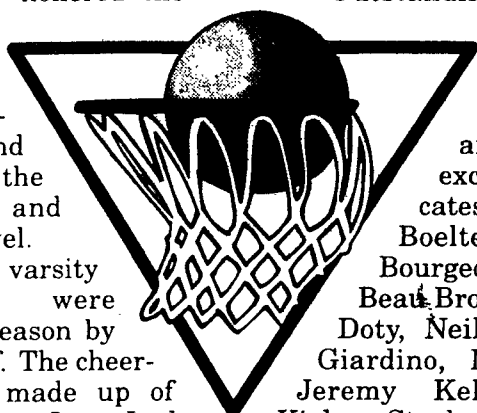
Coach's Award. Michael Cure and Ramsey Shawa earned the Outstanding Defensive Player awards. Ryan Morales and Shawa brought home the Rebounding Award. Jay Spell was named the Outstanding Offensive Player award winner. Christian Walter and Derrick Willis earned the Most Improved Award.

The freshman basketball team was coached in 2001 by Mike Stumpf. Marc Belizaire, Miller Gordon, Herman Johnson, Joe Mortimer, and Nick Weinmann all earned academic excellence and participation certificates. Darius Acker, Schaeffer Dane, Zach Delaney, Albert Estopinal, Rob Murray, Rob Smith, Anthony Taylor, and Grady Wyly earned participation certificates.

Herman Johnson and Miller Gordon claimed the 6th Man awards. Grady Wyly was named Most Improved award winner. Rob Murray earned the Coach's Award. Darius Acker won the Outstanding Defensive Player award. Rob Smith was named the Outstanding Offensive Player award winner. Acker also earned the team's Most Valuable Player award.

The varsity and junior varsity basketball Rocks were coached by Jay Ladner, Dave Kenson, and Kelton Thompson. Thompson is a 1996 graduate of SSC. Those receiving participation certificates were John Chapman, Austin Gbsemete, Keith Herndon, Chris Patterson, and Sam Tart. Those players receiving varsity letters were Brent Acker, Brett Amond, Brandon Arcement, Brian Butler, Hunter Dawkins, Lee Howard, Eric Loprete, Zach Mellon, Mike Ryan, Cheick Sanankoua, Jason Santiago, Grayson Timidaiki, Josh Washington, Gabe Willis, and J R Willis. Those receiving academic excellence certificates were Arcement, Dawkins, Ryan, Sanankou, and Washington.

Junior varsity award winners were Brian Butler and Cheick Sanankoua. The Curtis St. Mary award was presented to Grayson Timidaiki. Jason Santiago and Mike Ryan earned the Coach's Awards. Hunter Dawkins was presented with an Outstanding Dedication award. Brandon Arcement, Lee Howard, and J R Willis all took home the Mr. Rock-a-chaw award.



Hancock sponsors spring break baseball camp

There will be a spring break baseball camp held at the Hancock High School Athletic Complex April 9-13 from 8:30am till 12 noon daily.

The cost of the camp is \$80 per camper (\$85 on day of camp).

The camp is open to boys and girls ages 5-14. Each camper will receive a camp booklet, t-shirt, and a certificate of participation.

The camp will feature instruction by former Tulane University head coach Joe Brockhoff. Coach Brockhoff recorded over 600 wins in his collegiate coaching career and won three Metro Conference titles. His teams made seven NCAA playoff appearances. Coach Brockhoff is a member of the Tulane University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Other staff members are Andy Perniciaro head baseball

coach at Hancock High School, assistant baseball coach Joey Brockhoff, and head middle school baseball coach Stace McRaney.

The camp will emphasize fundamentals in pitching, hitting, and fielding. Campers are required to bring their glove and bat. A batting glove is recommended. Campers also need to bring sneakers for inside work, a towel, an extra shirt, tote bag for gear, and water or sport drink in a bottle. Concessions will be available for purchase at the camp. Baseball shoes are optional. No metal spikes allowed.

There will be a 10% discount for second and third family members attending the camp. For more information on the baseball camp please call the following numbers 255-3475, 832-0089, 466-0307, or 463-0025.

Goals for Sight raises \$2,800

The Mississippi Sea Wolves and the Center for Eye Care teamed up this season for "Goals for Sight."

The Center for Eye Care agreed to donate \$25 for every goal the Sea Wolves scored at home.

The Sea Wolves cooperated by scoring 112 goals in their first 34 home games for a total of \$2,800. The top contributor was Cody Bowtell, who scored 17 goals in the Wolves Den this

season. The Sea Wolves and the Center for Eye Care will present the Lions Club with a check Friday night when the Wolves host the Arkansas RiverBlades at 7:35 in the Mississippi Coast Coliseum.

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SPORTS

Women play Monday to open USTA National Clay Court Championships

By Liz Wagner Maio
Tennis matches begin Monday, April 2, 10 a.m. at Diamondhead Tennis World for the USTA Senior Women's National Clay Court Championships.

Eighty-eight women players will be competing in singles and doubles for titles in the 60's, 70's, and 80's age divisions.

Last year's champion in 60's Singles, Peggy Omohundro, Franklin, TN., returns to defend her title. Peggy is seeded #5 in this year's draw as the field is

studded with many nationally ranked players.

Also returning this year is Grace Woo, Pittsford, NY, last year's 60's finalist who this year is seeded #7.

The women bringing the heat to these hotly contested matches are Sinclair Bill, Santa Barbara, CA., the #1 seed; Susanna Clark, New City, NY, the #2 seed; Charleen Hillebrand, San Pedro, CA., the #3 seed; and Suella Steel, La Jolla, CA., the #4 seed; and Theo Shepherd, Amherst, CA., the #6

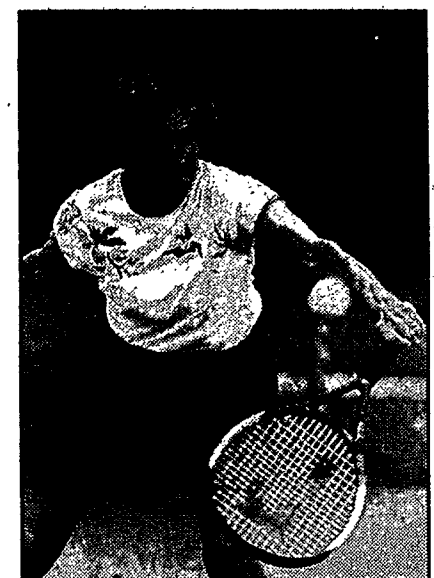
Seed. All these women are nationally ranked in the top ten.

In the 70's Singles division Louise Owen, Evansville, IN., is seeded #1 and Louise Russ, Boca Raton, FL., is seeded #2. The two Louise's join in 70's Doubles and are seeded #2. Joyce Jones, Seattle, WA., and Angie Ray, Phoenix, AZ., are seeded #1 in 70's Doubles.

In 80's Singles, Marion Read, Milwaukee, WS., is seeded #1. Mildred Southern, Winston-Salem, NC, is the #2 seed,

and Ilse Jobson, Sarasota, FL. is the #3 seed.

In 80's Doubles, Mildred

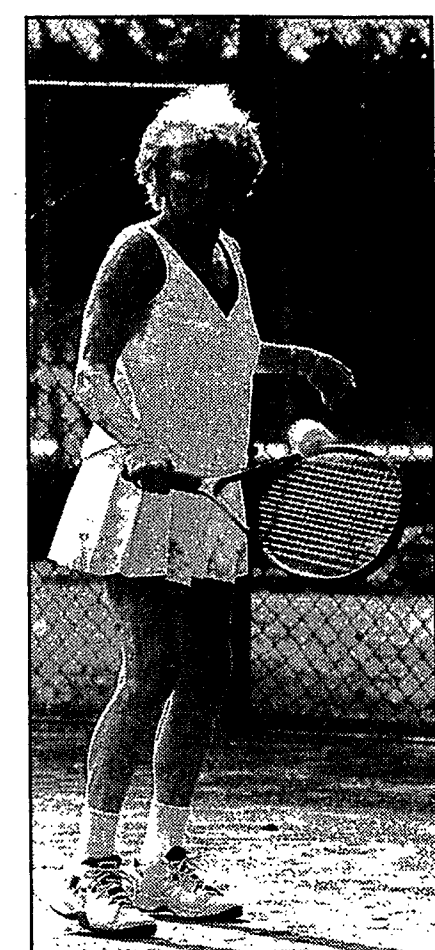


Jean Selvig, Milton, Vt., is a returning competitor in USTA Senior Women's Clay Court Championships 80's Division. (Photo by Liz Wagner Maio)

Southern and Mary Mentzer, Ft. Meyers, FL. are seeded #1. Pat Yeomans and Judy Stark, both of Los Angeles, CA., are seeded #2.

Diamondhead Tennis World will host the strongest fields since the tournament came to Diamondhead four years ago. These tennis players are committed athletes who return to the game after knee operations, shoulder operations and even double hip replacements. They are inspiring to watch.

The public is invited free of charge. The matches are from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day Monday through Saturday, April 2-8. There will be a free drawing daily at 2:30 p.m. for a door prize.

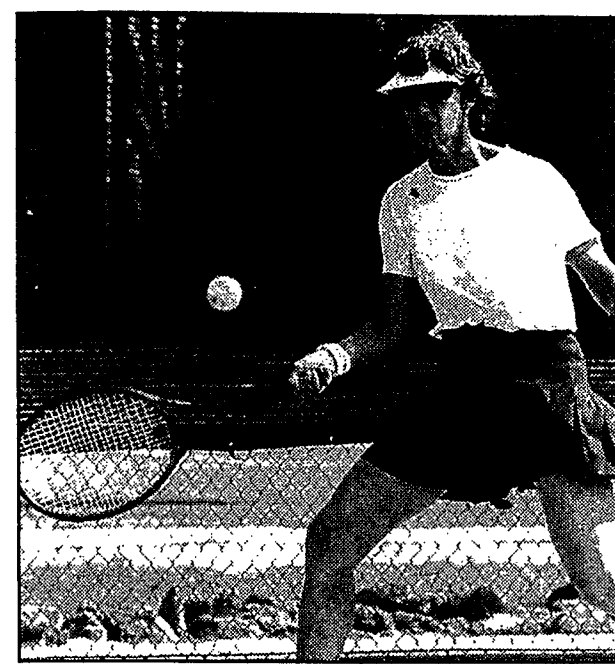


Nancy Hambleton, Annapolis, Md., is a returning competitor in USTA Senior Women's Clay Court Championships 70's Division. (Photo by Liz Wagner Maio)

Pass Ladies Golf results

Pass Christian Isles Ladies Golf Association March 27 Low Gross winners include:
18 Holes First Flight: Pat Ellis
Second Flight: Julie Hudson,

first; Nancy Witt, second; and Perk Landry, third
Third Flight: Helen Farrelly
9 Holes: Pat McClellan, first; Pauline Burdette, second; and Mary Jo Jones, third



Peggy Omohundro, last year's Champion 60's Division, returns as the #5 seed due to the strength of this year's field - seven of the top 10 nationally ranked players will compete in the USTA Senior Women's National Clay Court Championships. (Photo by Liz Wagner Maio)

Lady Dogs sweep Lady Cats in softball

Mississippi Gulf Coast's Lady Bulldogs remain undefeated in South Division women's fast-pitch softball action after handing Pearl River's Lady Wildcats with a pair of shutouts Thursday at Perkinston.

The Lady Dogs improved to 7-4 overall and 4-0 in division play with their 7-0 and 2-0 victories. PRCC dropped to 5-9 and 3-3.

In the first game, Gulf Coast scored all of its runs in the first three innings, climaxed by a five-run barrage in the third. Pearl River managed to load the bases twice in the top of the second inning, but the Lady Bulldogs ended the threat with a double play. PRCC also left two baserunners stranded in

the top of the fifth, sixth, and seventh frames.

MGCCC's Christy Hyatt (4-1) was the winning pitcher in going the distance, while Lynde Cuevas (3-2) picked up the loss. Candy Coggin relieved in the third inning for PRCC.

"The Lady Wildcats' six hits were singles by Coggin, Cuevas, Melanie Cox, Melissa Speights, Candice Hyatt of Hancock County, and Stephanie Powell. Gulf Coast finished with seven hits, led by Yennette Smith and Wanda Farmer with two singles each. PRCC committed one error in the contest, while MGCCC had two miscues.

In the nightcap, the Lady Bulldogs' solo runs in the first and second innings were all

they needed. In those first two frames, PRCC committed both of its two errors the last of which resulted in the last run scored in the game. Gulf Coast had one error in the game.

Hyatt gave up only two hits in picking up her second win of the afternoon and improve to 5-1, while Coggin (1-1) was the losing pitcher.

Brandi Tynes and Kristie Williams singled for Pearl River, while Ashley Nodhturf doubled for Gulf Coast.

PRCC travels to East Central in Decatur for a 1 p.m. division doubleheader Monday, then enters the Northeast Mississippi Tournament in New Albany March 30-31 (Friday and Saturday).

Pearl River over E. Central in tennis

Pearl River Community College's men's and women's tennis teams swept East Central Monday with both teams winning by 9-0 margins.

PRCC's women improved to 8-1, while the men's team improved to 3-5.

In men's singles, Robert Brumfield (PRCC) defeated Jonathan McDonald (ECCC) 6-0, 6-1; Matt Hoda (PRCC) defeated Ty Anderson (ECCC) 6-2, 6-1; Kyle Williams (PRCC) defeated Lee Dempsey (ECCC) 6-3, 6-1; Ken Miller (PRCC) defeated Chad Austin (ECCC) 6-1, 6-0; Matt Hughes (PRCC) defeated Kris Amos (ECCC) 6-0, 6-4; Jonathan Gagnon (PRCC) of St. Stanislaus defeated Blake Revette (ECCC) 6-4, 6-2.

In men's doubles, Brumfield-Hoda (PRCC) defeated McDonald-Amos (ECCC) 8-2; Gagnon-Williams (PRCC) defeated Dempsey-Austin (ECCC) 8-1; Miller-Scott Waites (PRCC) defeated Austin-Revette (ECCC) 8-1.

In women's singles, Nicole Shepherd (PRCC) defeated Tori Tijerina (ECCC) 6-3, 6-3; Pamela Miller (PRCC) defeated Jessica Weeks (ECCC) 6-4, 6-0; Ilene McCombs (PRCC) defeated Brandy Bounds (ECCC) 6-2, 6-0; Michelle Creely (PRCC) defeated Jennifer Emmons (ECCC) 6-3, 6-1; Leigh McCombs (PRCC) defeated Kasey Comans (ECCC) 6-0, 6-2; Tannia McAtee (PRCC) defeated Brandy Burnette

(ECCC) 6-2, 6-1.

In women's doubles, Shepherd-Creeley (PRCC) defeated Tijerina-Weeks (ECCC) 9-7; Pamela Miller-Ilene McCombs (PRCC) defeated Bounds-Emmons (ECCC) 8-3; Leslie Miller-Leigh McCombs (PRCC) defeated Comans-Burnette (ECCC) 8-4.

Pearl River returns to action today when they visit Jones in Ellisville for matches beginning at 2 p.m.

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MARION L. DAILEY
BRENDA A. HODA
HENRY MARQUAR, JR.
ARTHUR MORAN
CHERYLL SEKSO
RICHARD STAFF

MARION L. DAILEY
 Marion L. "Mel" Dailey, 69, of Kiln, died Tuesday, March 27, 2001, in Kenner.

Mr. Dailey was born in Pomona, Kan., and had been a resident of the Coast for 26 years. He retired as a truck driver from the American Can Co. and served in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor Dailey of Kiln; four daughters, Mary Jane Brown and Julie Ladner, both of Littleton, Colo.; Candy Dailey of Gulfport and Michelle Dailey of Lafayette, La.; three sons, Elton Dailey of Ashboro, N.C., Kevin Dailey of Pass Christian and Glenn Dailey of Waveland; three sisters, Joyce Hoaglan of Parson, Kan., Vera Andrews of Fairgroves, Mo., and Jean Wade of Washington; 11 grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Visitation was Thursday evening at Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport.

Services were conducted Friday at Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis. Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou in Hancock County.

BRENDA A. HODA

Brenda A. Hoda, 57, of Bay St. Louis, died Friday, March 30, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

HENRY MARQUAR, JR.

Henry A. Marquar, Jr., 76, of Bay St. Louis, died Thursday, March 29, 2001 in Biloxi.

He is survived by seven sons and numerous grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday, April 3, 2001 at Biloxi National Cemetery.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

ARTHUR MORAN

Arthur Reginald Moran, 87, of Lakeshore, died Tuesday, March 27, 2001, in Lakeshore.

Mr. Moran was a native of Catahoula, Miss. and a longtime resident of Lakeshore. He was a member of Main Street Baptist church in Bay St. Louis and was a Master Mason and member of Bay St. Louis Lodge 429.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pearl Chouest Moran; a daughter, Wilma Moran Barrios; his parents, Alford Joseph and Eugenia Epps Hoyer Moran; two brothers, Edgar Vurton Moran and Ralph Emmett Moran; and a grandchild.

Survivors include a son, Alden "Bud" Moran of Diamondhead; a daughter, Regina Moran Neace of Bay St. Louis; a brother, Leo Moran of Waveland; four sisters, Delta Forbus of Panama City, Fla., Josie Jacobs and Eunice Bermond, both of Bay St. Louis, and Carol Shubert of New Orleans; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A prayer service will be conducted today, March 29 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home chapel. Interment will be in Bayou LaCroix Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

CHERYLL SEKSO

Cheryll "Dee Dee" Sekso, 36, of Pearlinton, died Saturday, March 24, 2001, in Slidell.

Mrs. Sekso was a homemaker and a resident of Pearlinton.

Survivors include her husband, Edward Sekso of Edison, N.J.; her mother, Marge Boice of Pearlinton; her father, Francis Longwell Jr. of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; a son, Joshua Taylor Sekso of Pearlinton; two daughters, Robin Marie Sekso of Pearlinton and Erica Lynn Sekso of Edison, N.J.; a brother, Timothy Longwell of Oberlin, Ohio; four sisters, Kathy Lynn Hendershot of Lorain, Ohio, Sandra Frances Maxon of Pompano Beach, Fla., Sherri Ann Pittman of Pearlinton and Teresa Marie Martin of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Services were conducted Saturday at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

RICHARD STAFF

Richard Staff, 62, of Bay St. Louis, died Saturday, March 31, 2001 in Bay St. Louis.

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The New York Times Book Review Best Sellers

The Hancock County Library System reports the following books listed on the New York Times Best Seller List have been ordered by the system's libraries. The initials in parentheses following the descriptions stand for the library branch at which the books are available: B=Bay St. Louis; W=Waveland; K=Kiln; P=Pearlington; NA=Not Available.

FICTION

1ST TO DIE, by James Patterson. (Little, Brown, \$26.95.) Four women - a homicide inspector, a medical examiner, an assistant district attorney and a journalist - search for a killer who is stalking newlyweds.

2 A PAINTED HOUSE, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$27.95.) The experiences of a 7-year-old boy whose parents live and work in the cotton fields of Arkansas.

3 SCARLET FEATHER, by Maeve Binchy. (Dutton, \$25.95.) Tom Feather and Cathy Scarlet, friends from cooking school, start a catering company in Dublin.

4 THE BONESETTER'S DAUGHTER, by Amy Tan. (Putnam, \$25.95.) A Chinese-American woman struggles to understand her family and herself.

5 A DAY LATE AND A DOLLAR SHORT, by Terry McMillan. (Viking, \$25.95.) The complicated lives of Viola Price and her estranged husband, who live in Las Vegas, and their four grown children.

6 EDGE OF DANGER, by Jack Higgins. (Putnam, \$25.95.) The head of a half-Arab, half-British oil family plots to assassinate the president of the United States.

7 THE MARK, by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins. (Tyndale, \$22.99.) Volume 8 of the "Left Behind" series, in which forces of good battle forces of evil.

8 THE FIRST COUNSEL, by Brad Meltzer. (Warner, \$25.95.) A young White House lawyer becomes ensnared in a scheme involving betrayal and murder.

9 THE VENDETTA DEFENSE, by Lisa Scottoline. (HarperCollins, \$25.) A

Philadelphia lawyer finds herself defending a mobster accused of murder.

10 MYSTIC RIVER, by Dennis Lehane. (Morrow, \$25.) Three former friends, torn apart long ago by a childhood trauma, are forced to reunite.

NONFICTION

1 LONGABERGER, by Dave Longaberger. (HarperBusiness, \$25.) A posthumous memoir by the man who created the Longaberger basket company.

2 THE O'REILLY FACTOR, by Bill O'Reilly. (Broadway, \$23.) The host of a cable news program offers opinions on what's right and wrong with America.

3 AN HOUR BEFORE DAYLIGHT, by Jimmy Carter. (Simon & Schuster, \$26.)

The former president recalls his Depression-era childhood on a Georgia farm.

4 TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE, by Mitch Albom. (Doubleday, \$19.95.) The author tells of his weekly visits to his old college mentor, who was near death's door.

5 ICE BOUND, by Jerri Nielsen with Maryanne Vollers. (Talk Miramax/ Hyperion, \$23.95.) A memoir by the doctor who was at the South Pole when she discovered that she had breast cancer.

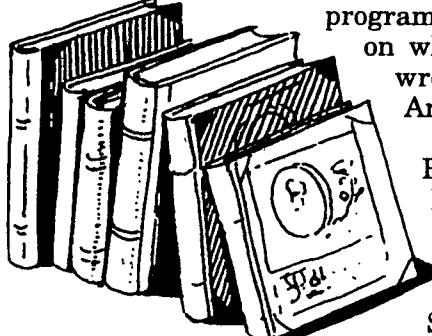
6 CHYNA: If They Only Know, by Joanie Laurer with Michael Angell. (ReganBooks/HarperCollins, \$26.) A memoir by a professional wrestler.

7 FAST FOOD NATION, by Eric Schlosser. (Houghton Mifflin, \$25.) A survey of "the dark side of the all-American meal."

8 SEABISCUIT, by Laura Hillenbrand. (Random House, \$24.95.) A biography of the horse whose career culminated in a 1938 match race with War Admiral.

9 THE DARWIN AWARDS, by Wendy Northcutt. (Dutton, \$16.95.) Commemorating those people whose spectacularly stupid behavior served to "improve our gene pool" by removing them from it.

10 FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS, by James Bradley with Ron Powers. (Bantam, \$24.95.) The story of the six men who raised the flag at Iwo Jima, by the son of one of them.



USMGC honors National Board Certified teachers

Hugs were exchanged, tears were shed, and laughter filled the air in a night of celebration.

One might think this was a wedding or a baby's christening, but it wasn't. For 68 area public school teachers who recently attend National Board Certification Teacher (NBCT) status, that Monday night was their special night.

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast and the Gulf Coast Master Teacher Mentoring Project provided this forum.

A recognition ceremony was held at Gulf Park campus' Hardy Hall Auditorium giving way to some 200 people in attendance.

Letters are sometimes not as warm and personal as face-to-face recognition.

"Each of us received a letter in November telling us we had passed National Boards, but somehow it didn't seem official until the pinning ceremony," said Phyllis Hammack, English teacher at Harrison Central High School in Gulfport.

Past recipients of the NBCT recognition pin were at the ceremony to pin the new recipients. These teachers join the 56 National Board Certified Teachers on the Mississippi

Gulf Coast, bringing the total to 124.

The newly pinned represent George, Jackson, Stone, Harrison, Hancock and Pearl River counties.

"This was a great way to honor area teacher accomplishments on behalf of their students and schools," said Senita Walker, NBCT and director of the Gulf Coast Master Teacher Mentoring Project at USM Gulf Park.

With the direction of Walker, the Gulf Coast Teacher Mentoring Project is designed to provide information and support to teachers interested in National Board Certification.

The National Board Teacher Certification is a voluntary process that requires the teacher to complete a classroom portfolio and an assessment center exercise.

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Special story hours, book clubs, art exhibit and training highlights National Library Week, Apr. 1-7

Special children's story hours, children's art exhibit, free refreshments, the First Friday Book Club and public Dial Pac training are just some of the special events set at all four branches of the Hancock County Library System during National Library Week, April 1-7.

A special children's story hour will be Wednesday, April 4, at 10:30 a.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library. Susan Daigre, program coordinator, will read *The Library Dragon*, and assist them in making their own library dragons that will remain displayed in the Margaret Hicks Shadoin Children's Library the remainder of the week.

A special children's story hour will be Thursday, April 5, at 10:30 a.m. at the Kiln Public Library. Sandra Ladner, branch manager, will read *The Library, Sophie and Sammy's Library Sleepover* and *Library Lil*. Children will also make a book-worm craft.

A special display of artwork by children from the Art School for Children in Bay St. Louis will be displayed at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library during the week.

Art school teacher Karen Renz says that there are approximately 24 children, ranging in age from seven to 13, in three classes. They are sketching, painting, sculpting and using papier-mâché.

Coffee and orange juice will be available at all four branches of the library system until 11 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Library users are encouraged to stop by the library branch nearest them and enjoy the refreshments as they make their book selections.

The First Friday Book Club,

cosponsored by the Hancock County Library System and Gloria Burette, will meet in the meeting room of the Kiln Public Library on Friday, April 6, at 10:00 a.m.

The group meets the first Friday of every month, and April's selection to be discussed is *The First Counsel* by Brad Meltzer. More information is available by calling Burette at 255-9097, or Ladner at the Kiln Public Library at 255-1724.

Library staff will be hosting public training classes on the library's new service, Dial Pac. The classes will be Tuesday, April 3, at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Kiln Public Library; and Thursday, April 5, at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

Registration is needed for the training sessions; space is limited. Interested persons should call Sandra Ladner at the Kiln Public Library at 255-1724, or Jeanne Pierce at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library at 467-5282.

With Dial Pac, library users can dial into the library at 463-0024 via their modem, review their library card account, search for the availability of items in the library, place holds on books, audio books and videos and renew items already checked out to their library card.

Other Dial Pac services include the option to review the status of items on hold, review the New York Times bestseller list and place holds against it

and access several types of dictionaries.

The purpose of National Library Week is to increase awareness about the vibrancy and real value of today's libraries. Research shows that while libraries are popular, they are often taken for granted.

Research also indicates that while libraries are rooted in nearly every community, in schools, campuses and businesses across the country, they are often not visible. The week is designed to showcase public, school, academic and special libraries nationwide.

"Libraries are part of the American dream," says Prima Plauché, library system director. "They offer opportunities for education and self-help. But they are also changing and dynamic places, on the forefront of the information age."

"Most of us are keenly aware of the deluge of information coming at us from the moment we wake up with our favorite morning talk show," she continued, "until we turn off the late night news. Coping with this bewildering amount of information requires a place that can help us make sense of all that's out there. And its as close as

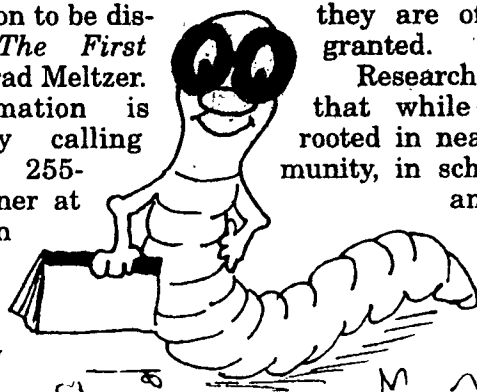
your local library."

Plauché adds that librarians are experts in navigating through the clutter of information that's out there. "Librarians are really the ultimate search engine at your library. If you need to find something, just ask."

"National Library Week is a great time to visit your local library and see what's new at the library and to get a library card if you don't have one," added Plauché. "We encourage everyone in the community to come check us out."

For more information, including library hours, visit or call any of the four branches of the Hancock County Library System: Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282; Kiln Public Library, 255-1724; Pearlinton Public Library, 533-0755; or Waveland Library and Literacy Center, 467-9240; or see the library's Web site at www.hancock.lib.ms.us.

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Head Start recruitment

Mississippi Action for Progress, Inc. (MAP), a non-private child care organization, announced its recruitment drive for the 2001-02 school year.

All children who will be 3 or 4 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2002 are eligible and encouraged to apply at the Bay-Waveland Center, 301 Necaise Avenue, Bay St. Louis.

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D'head arts and crafts show

The 18th annual Arts and Creative Crafts Show at Diamondhead will be Saturday, Sept. 29, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 31, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on the Country Club Circle and grounds. More than 100 booths will be set up with hand-made crafts and multi-media art works for sale.

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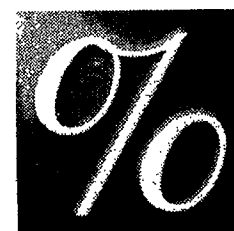
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If you're about to buy (or sell) the farm, make plans

Buying or selling your farm, or part of it? Maybe just transferring ownership to your children? You need to remember if there has been a change in a farm's operation or ownership or reconstitution needs to be done. This insures that the proper records for agricultural programs are in place.

A farm owner, operator or the Farm Service Agency County Committee can initiate a request for a reconstitution. There are several methods for division of a farm.

The order of priority for contract acres are: estate; designation by landowner; and default. The order of priority for allotment and quota crops are: estate; designation by landowner; contribution, cropland, and history.

"It is the designation by owner that raises the most questions," said Lance W. Magee of the Pearl River-Hancock County Farm Service Agency office. "When an estate is being settled or a farmer is moving an allotment or quota, they think about notifying us of the change."

However, transferring ownership or selling a tract off, sometimes slips through without getting us the new information. Questions come up later if there are problems with crops."

The designation by landowner is the division of contract acres, allotments and quotas agreed to by the parent farm owner and the purchaser or transferee. This method may be used to divide tracts or entire farms.

It applies to the following: when part of a farm is sold or transferred; an entire farm is sold to two or more people; ownership is transferred to two or more people; part of a tract is sold or ownership transferred; when a tract is sold or ownership transferred to two or more people; or if the land is subject to Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) or Emergency Wetland Reserve Program (EWRP) easement. "Contacting our office gets the process moving. It only takes a form (FSA-155) signed by the buyers and sellers or a memorandum of understanding between the buyers and sellers," said Magee.



Jump Rope for Heart event

The students of Saint Paul Catholic School jumped at the chance to help fight heart disease and stroke, the nation's No. 1 killer. March 16, St. Paul School held the Jump Rope for Heart event. All students jumped rope and at the same time raised funds for the American Heart Association. These funds help support cardiovascular research and educational programs. Jump Rope for Heart teaches participants about the importance of a healthy lifestyle that includes regular physical activity, proper nutrition, and living tobacco free. The event also provides students the opportunity to perform community service as they raise money for the American Heart Association.



Parent luncheon

Saint Paul Catholic School in Pass Christian hosted a first grade parent luncheon March 13 in the cafeteria. Saint Paul school frequently has these luncheons for parents to update them on what their children are currently learning in the classroom. The cafeteria is decorated with work the students are doing. After the parents have lunch with their children they are able to walk around and view displays of the students' work. Carol Church, St. Paul's first grade teacher, was able to sit with the parents having lunch and discuss with them what she is teaching in her class.

Local residents named to USM President's List

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast President's List has been released for the 2000 fall session.

Listed students attend USM's Gulf Park campus in Long Beach or the Jackson County campus in Gautier.

The President's List includes full-time students who earned a 4.0 grade-point average (all A's).

Students from the local area include:

Bay St. Louis
Charles Courrage, Sarah Leopold, Katherine Schmitt, Shirley Skettene, Kenneth Spansel, Katharine Waggoner, Debra Wilson and Xiaoling Yu

Diamondhead
Stephanie Bruno, Delphine Jenkins and Ann Elizabeth McCamee

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Gina Albe Ncaise

Pass Christian
Becker, Deborah Benigno, Karen Hightower, Carl Miles, Michelle Miller-Sumiel, Joyce Rowell, Jennifer Toepfer and Jennifer Weeks

Pearlington
Stacy Clack

Waveland
Gretchen Arnold, James

Bare, Phyllis Falcon and Ruby Headrick



Ladies of St. Vincent de Paul spring luncheon is April 4

The Ladies of St. Vincent de Paul will host their annual spring luncheon Wednesday, April 4 at Annunciation Parish Hall, Kiln DeLisle Road just off Hwy. 603.

The event includes a boutique which opens at 11:30 a.m. followed by the luncheon at 12:30. Also featured is informal modeling by Just Judy's.

Tickets are \$10 per person. Proceeds will benefit the needy of Hancock County. To purchase tickets or for information, call Audrey at 255-1091 or Jackie at 255-8735.

Service Badge winners

Girl Scouts from Diamondhead Brownie Troops 340 and 373 participated in a service project recently. The troop leaders read that a senior Girl Scout was sponsoring a cleanup and repair day for the local Girl Scout camp. The Scouts wanted to give back to their organization and reported for duty. They cleared debris from the camp sites and around the lake. They installed coat hooks in cabins. They cleaned the cabins and kitchen units and hung bird houses in nearby trees. For their efforts they each received a special service badge and completed a requirement for another "Sister Troop" badge. Participants in "Clean Up Iti Kana Day" were, front row, Chae Levy, Paige Henry, Laura Wilson, Lauren Killgore and Kalle Barlow; back row, Jamie Jelinski, Jennifer Odom, Chelsea Levy, Candance Martin, Victoria Malley Lauren Stealey and Paige Muse.



What shall I be?

East Hancock Elementary students in Rebecca Austin's first grade class were treated to several career-related demonstrations. As part of their study unit on "Our Community," Austin invited several area businesses to speak to the first graders about how they help create our community. Christy Koenenn shared her experiences as a dental hygienist. Chris Killgore dressed in scrubs and explained the duties of nursing, and Todd Blake and members of the Diamondhead Fire Department discussed fire safety and allowed the students to tour the fire truck. He also allowed their teacher to help him demonstrate the rescue ladder.



Pepsi Student of Month
Waveland Elementary announces the January Pepsi Student of the Month is Zachary George, third grade student in Ms. Wintruba's class. Zachary was selected because he displays the characteristics of being dependable, honest, enthusiastic, reliable, well-mannered, trustworthy, friendly, and self-disciplined. Other nominees for January Pepsi Student of the Month included Jody Favre, Hayden Ladner, Dylan Delcuze, Vincent Claudel and Mercedes Thomas.

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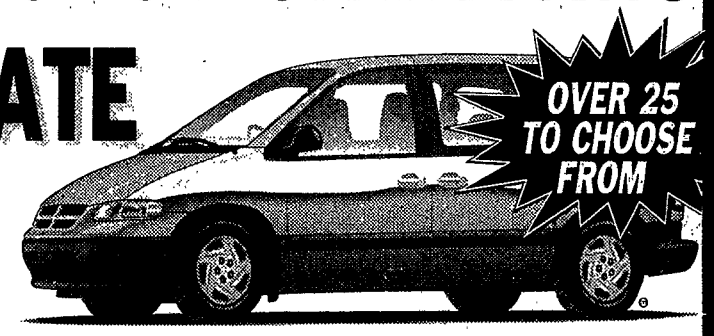
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BUSINESS NEWS

Friede Goldman adds \$56 million in new projects

Friede Goldman Halter, Inc. (NYSE: FGH) announced new projects with a combined value of over \$56 million.

Friede & Goldman, Ltd., (FGL), has been awarded a contract by PPL Shipyard Pte. Ltd., of Singapore, for the design of two high-performance "JU 2000" jackup drilling rigs to be built by PPL for Santa Fe International Corporation (NYSE:SDC).

FGL will also supply PPL with its patented "Rack Chock" leg looking system. The contract includes options for the design and rack chocks for up to four additional JU-2000 jackups.

FGH Engineered Products has been awarded a contract by PPL Shipyard for the manufacture of the jacking system for the JU 2000 jackup drilling rig to be built by PPL for Santa Fe, with a provisional order for a second system.

This jacking system includes 36 of BLM-Offshore's Model C-150 high-capacity jacking units, which will be built at BLM-Offshore's plant in Nantes, France.

FGH Engineered Products

has been awarded a contract by Hyundai Heavy Industries, of South Korea, for the manufacture of the jacking system for a second ultra-harsh-environment jackup drilling rig to be built by Hyundai for Maersk Contractors, of Denmark.

This rig will be suitable for operation in water depths up to 625 feet and will require 54 of BLM-Offshore's highest-capacity Model C-170 jacking units.

FGH Engineered Products has received an order from Heerema Marine Contractors of Leiden, The Netherlands, for the development of an AmClyde Mooring Line Deployment winch for use as installation equipment on Heerema's derrick crane vessels.

The winch will be a central component of Heerema's system for deploying approximately 6,000 foot lengths of 7-inch diameter "jacket spiral strand wire rope," interspersed with lengths of chain, for the permanent mooring of floating production vessels in deep water.

The very large mooring line size dictates a winch-drum diameter of 34 1/2 feet and a

length of 38 feet; it is believed that this will be the largest drum winch in the world.

FGH Engineered Products has also received several recent orders for BLM deck winches, for AmClyde pedestal cranes and for after-market conversion projects.

Halter Marine, Inc., has signed a contract with Tugs Unlimited, Inc., of Rhode Island, for the construction of an 80,000-barrel, oceangoing, double-hulled tank barge. The barge will be built at Halter's Gulfport shipyard.

Friede Goldman Halter is a world leader in the design and

manufacture of equipment for the maritime and offshore energy industries.

Its operating units are Friede Goldman Offshore (construction, upgrade and repair of drilling units, mobile production units and offshore construction equipment), Halter Marine (design and construction of oceangoing vessels for commercial and governmental (design and manufacture of cranes, markets), FGH Engineered Products winches, mooring systems and marine deck equipment), and Friede Goldman Ltd. (naval architecture and marine engineering).

Hoda credentialed to provide employee access to chiropractic care

Dr. Desmond W. Hoda of the Hoda Chiropractic Clinic has been credentialed to provide chiropractic health care services to employees of companies which subscribe to health programs offered by the TRIAD Healthcare Network.

TRIAD is one of America's major health care networks. It offers company-sponsored access to complementary and alternative types of healthcare, including chiropractic.

Companies which subscribe to the TRIAD program enable their employees to have the option to select their types of treatment in addition to medical benefits for their health problem.

In order to be considered, the

chiropractic physician must go through an intensive process of being credentialed. This involves successfully completing a special program of continuing education, and meeting stringent American Accreditation Health Care Commission/URAC credentialing requirements.

It also requires members of the network to adhere to high professional performance measures. It requires doctors to maintain their educational equivalency so as to have at their disposal the latest information, procedures and techniques.

Patterson named radiology director at Hancock Medical

Randy Patterson of Diamondhead was recently named Hancock Medical Center Radiology Department director.

A graduate of the Hattiesburg School and Radiologic Technology and Jones County Junior College, Patterson has 22 years of experience in the industry.

He is a radiologic technologist certified in special procedures, CT scans and magnetic resonance imaging.

A seven-year employee of HMC, he has previous experience at Garden Park Medical Center, Memorial Hospital at

Gulfport and Marion County General Hospital.

A native of Sumrall, Patterson and his wife, Linda, have a son, daughter-in-law and grandson, Ryan, Ivy and Ryan Michael, respectively.

Patterson replaces retired longtime director Jeanie R. Moran of Bay St. Louis.



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Submitted by Craig Foster, Edward Jones Co.

MHC Housing tax credit applications being taken

Mississippi Home Corporation (MHC) will receive applications for its 2001 Housing Tax Credits (HTC) cycle, through April 16, 2001.

The Housing Tax Credit Program is a federal program administered by MHC. The Tax credit is designed to provide a dollar-for-dollar reduction in federal tax liability to investors. Equity generated from the sale of tax credits by developers allows the developers to build or rehabilitate affordable rental housing. Developments are underwritten for financial feasibility and must demonstrate a market need for housing.

"The Housing Tax Credit Program is highly competitive and applicants are scored and ranked based on the scoring criteria listed in the 2001 Qualified Allocation Plan," said Dianne Bolen, executive director at MHC. "Last year's demand for the housing credits exceeded the available funds by five to one."

As a result of last year's tax credit allocations, Mississippi

gained a total of 1,629 affordable rental units, using \$7 million worth of tax credit authority. MHC will be forward committing 2002's tax credit authority this year.

"The forward committing of 2002's tax credit authority accelerates the ability of Mississippians to obtain affordable housing by one and a half years," said Quandra Swayze, vice president of Tax Credits at MHC.

To date, MHC has allocated more than \$46 million in housing tax credit authority resulting in the construction and acquisition/rehabilitation of 575 properties, totaling 20,544 units throughout the state.

Persons interested in applying for housing tax credits should contact Katina Pace at 601.718.4642, or 1.800.544.6960 or visit MHC's web site at www.mshc.com.

All applications must be received in MHC's office no later than 2 p.m. April 16, 2001.

Shirley joins Latter & Blum

Lynne Shirley, a real estate professional of 25 years, recently joined Latter & Blum's Bay St. Louis office.

She has been president of LS Associates, a real estate and business consultation firm. She also served as vice president of the fifth largest real estate syndication firm for 10 years.

She worked in sales and finance for AAA Fleetwood Homes and was the chief operating officer for Gold Coast Mortgage for three years.

Shirley specializes in the sale and finance of large commercial real estate, including multi-family, office, industrial properties and shopping centers.

She has held the position of secretary for the Business and Professional Women's Association. She was also the secretary of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 139 and is a member of the Historical Society.

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Masters at Work



Master Gardeners Lydia Keller, left, city worker Ray Brockington, volunteer Ruth Faget, and Master Gardeners Judy Reeves and Barbara Huet put the finishing touches on the work they have been doing at the Old Bay St. Louis Depot. The group planted several flower boxes out back, trimmed bushes and planted marigolds to greet visitors. The group works on civic and community projects.

Echo Staff Photo by Bennie Shalbetter

SSC hosts staff/faculty recognition ceremony

St. Stanislaus College held its first Faculty and Staff Recognition Ceremony on Saturday, March 17, at the Holiday Inn in Waveland. More than 120 SSC faculty and staff members and their guests attended the event, at which each received a memento in recognition of and in gratitude for his/her years of dedication and service to the students and family of St. Stanislaus.

Throughout the evening, twenty-five members of the SSC family were recognized in a special way for their years of ministry at St. Stanislaus. Brother Ronald Hingle, principal, presented to each of them an award marking the occasion.

Those honored for five years of service included Steven Bradley and Matt Richmond, dormitory prefects; Lisa Cann, kitchen staff; Leon Saucier, maintenance staff; Mary Jo Barr and Leah Holmes, teaching faculty; Vernice Garvin, brothers, dispensary staff, and Brother Ronald Hingle, principal.

For ten years of service at SSC, the following were honored: Mark Cumella, admissions department; Jay Ladner, athletic director and teaching faculty; Paul McCarthy, director of maintenance; and Cindy Peterson, kitchen staff. Patricia Genna, kitchen staff, was honored for her fifteen years of service at St. Stanislaus.

For twenty years of dedication, Alphonse Benoit, maintenance staff, and Laurin LaFontaine, finance staff, were recognized. With twenty-five years of service to St. Stanislaus, Susan Estrade, assistant principal, was honored.

Very special recognitions were bestowed on eight faculty and staff members who have been members of the St. Stanislaus family for longer than thirty years. Brother Raymond Sylve, SC, dormitory prefect, thirty-three years; Aline Beal, kitchen staff, thirty-four years; Jim Thriffley, teaching faculty, thirty-five years; Brother Joseph Donovan, SC, and Brother Eduardo Baldioceda, SC, dormitory prefects, thirty-eight years; Brother Ramon Daunis, SC,



Saint Stanislaus College recently named Mary Jo Barr its Teacher of the Year for 2000-2001.

summer camp staff and laundry, forty-one years; Brother Albert Ledet, SC, teaching faculty, forty-two years; and Brother Noel Lemmon, Camp Director and teaching faculty, forty-three years.

Tom Ackerman was recognized in a special way for perfect attendance, and Mike Gemelli for being named Star Teacher this school year.

The Recognition Ceremony culminated with St. Stanislaus, President Brother Ronald Talbot, SC, presenting a special award to the faculty member who, by nomination of her peers and approval by the SSC Board of Directors, was chosen as Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year. The 2000-2001 Outstanding Faculty Member named was Mary Jo Barr, 7th grade science and math teacher. Barr, in her fifth year at SSC, was described by one who nominated her as the faculty member "exemplifying, in a very outstanding manner, the principles of the educational charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart." Another co-worker said, "I am amazed at the depth and breadth of this teacher's efforts to afford her students outstanding experiments, visual stimulation in their work, and opportunities to enhance their reasoning and calculating skills." Barr was also described as "both an excellent teacher and a good faculty member."

St. Stanislaus College is a Catholic residency and day school for young men in grades 6-12. The school fosters character formation and integrates faith development within a curriculum which is primarily college preparatory.

Fire

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based Industrial Services Management, was able to pull the truck over at about the seven-mile marker and escape unharmed, Jones said.

The smoke from the burning plastic was toxic, Jones said, but emergency workers were not forced to evacuate the area because it was in the NASA buffer zone, and so there were no houses near the scene.

West Hancock Fire Rescue sent two units to the scene, assisted by firefighters from East Hancock Fire Protection, who brought a tanker; and Slidell Fire Department, with a tanker and a Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) specialist.

"Nobody was injured," Jones said. "It was a very toxic fire, but nobody got hurt."

Cowboy's rodeo set April 11-13

BY ED LEPOMA

Staff Writer

If you're a rodeo fan, block off the dates April 11-13.

That's when Hancock County's Equine and Livestock facility in Kiln will host its 2nd Professional Cowboy's Association Rodeo.

Dr. Michael Lee, one of the organizers of the event, said last year's rodeo was rated among the top 10 in the nation,

and he promises this year's rodeo will be even better.

Lee said advance tickets are now available at Dolly's, D&K and Cody's Junction in Kiln, and at Neco's in Dedeaux.

A highlight of this year's

rodeo will be appearances by Randy Burns, one of the premiere rodeo clowns on the circuit, Lee said. On Saturday morning before the rodeo, Lee said the Board of Supervisors will also sponsor a chili cook-off.

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Back in Time



1991: Fires devastate Hancock

TEN YEARS AGO

March 17, 1991 - The Hancock County Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 Friday to accept the first of two proposed redistricting plans for the county. The plan, which received its only negative vote from District 3 Supervisor Lisa Cowand, proposes to move 628 Diamondhead residents from District 3 to District 5, along with 420 residents of the Bayou LaTerre-Rocky Hill Road area.

District 5 Supervisor Mike Ladner made the motion to accept the plan, saying he was doing it "in all fairness and equity" to everyone involved in the federally mandated redistricting.

Officers of the Bay High School "YMCA" Youth Legislative Group for 1990-91 are Jessica Johnston, president; Melanie Howard, treasurer; Kacia Walker, secretary; Lee Murphy, sergeant-at-arms; with Joan Thomas, sponsor.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

March 19, 1981 - Wind-whipped fires devastate Hancock. "From what I can see now I can count, one, two, three ... seven, eight, nine fires burning throughout Hancock County," dispatcher Wanda Stenklyft said from her perch at the Rocky Hill Fire Tower during a blazing series of brush fires which swept through Hancock County on Wednesday.

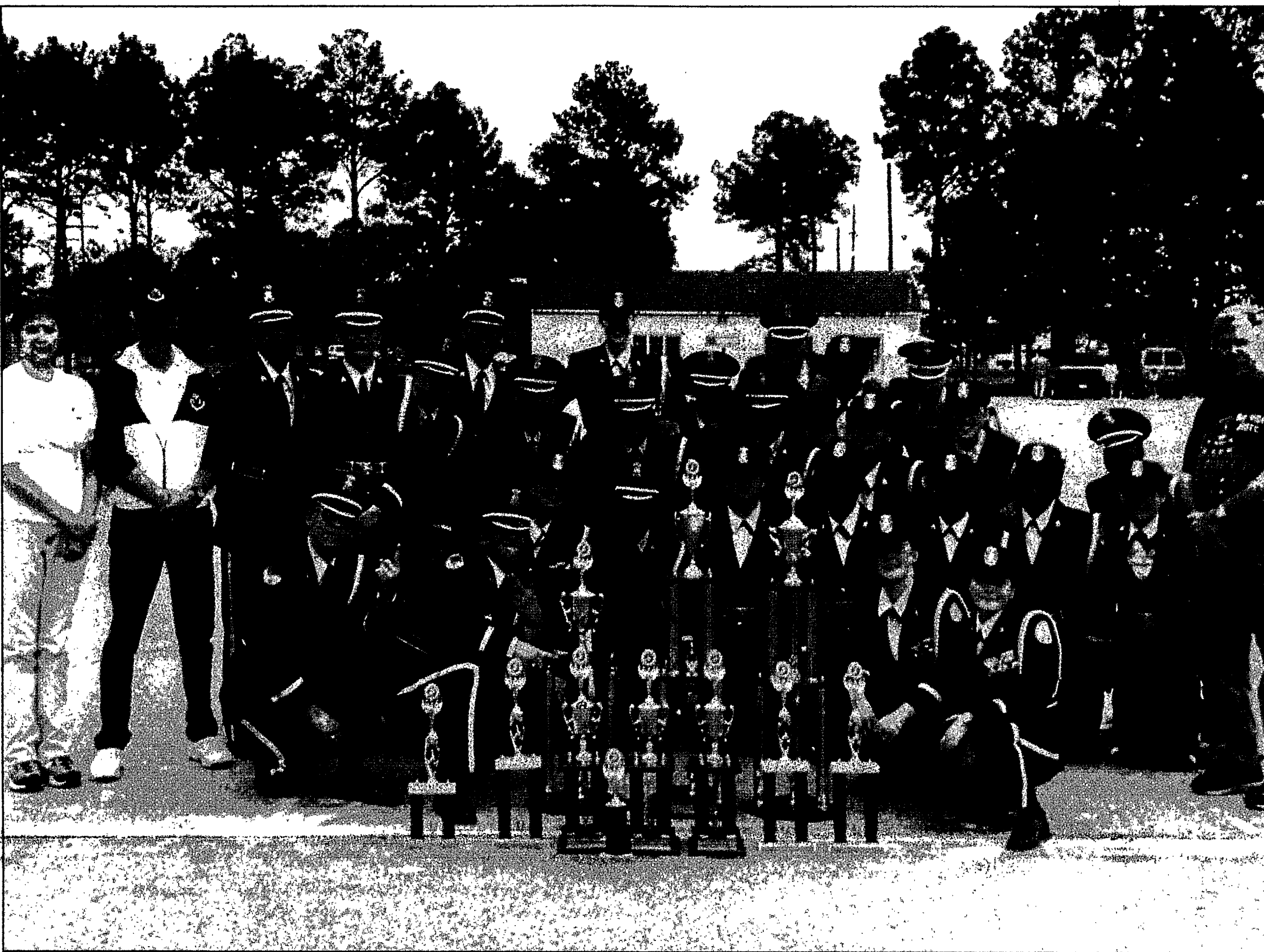
Stenklyft, a dispatcher for the Mississippi State Forestry Commission, said, "This is the worst fire situation I have ever seen, and I have worked here five years."

Wednesday at 4 p.m. Stenklyft said, "Right now we have everybody trying to contain the fires that are threatening homes." Fire departments were requesting assistance from all areas, she reported.

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors has

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Champions -- Again!!!



The Bay High School Air Force JROTC "Flying Tigers" pose for a group portrait last Saturday after winning more trophies than any other team in the annual Gulfport Marine Corps Gulf Coast Invitational Drill Competition, which included 500 cadets from three states - Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama.

Bay High's 'Flying Tigers' claw the competition, soar to victory at annual Marine Corps invitational drill tourney

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

On Saturday, March 24, the Bay High AFJROTC team, the "Flying Tigers," competed against 19 other teams and 500 cadets from three states - Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. They participated in the annual Gulfport Marine Corps Gulf Coast Invitational Drill Competition.

When the day was over, the "Flying Tigers" had won a first or second place trophy in all major categories. In all, the team won 11 trophies, the most of any school.

They garnered two third-place, four second-place, and four first-place trophies.

In addition, one cadet, Dylan Murphy, was awarded "Best Commander" for his performance leading the Armed Demilitarized Regulation Team. They truly can be titled "Best AFJROTC in Mississippi."

This competition victory comes on the heels of their second consecutive fifth-place finish in the AFJROTC American Legion National Drill Team Competition in February.

They now prepare for the "Super Bowl" of drill competition, which is being held at Daytona Beach, Florida in late April.

To attend this prestigious event, the school must win at one or more drill competitions, then be invited by the host organization.

But, they are not the only school in the area to be so honored. Gulfport, host school for last Saturday's competition, is a perennial invitee, due to their sustained superior performances in every competition they enter.

THE FLYING TIGERS

Members of the Flying Tigers championship drill team are, listed in alphabetical order, Anthony Babin, Charles Baughman, Jessica Bigham, Lyndse

Bourgeois, Brittany Clark, Sherry Cuave, Diana Dear, Amy Frierson, Eric Goodman (not pictured), Dale Harris, Britni Haynes, Anthony Krause, Misty Larntz, James Lockhard, Lawrence Marchetta, Jaclyn Marchetta, Cliff McKay, Jessica Melville, Anthony Milner, Dylan Murphy, Eboni Nichols, Brandon Norman, Jenny Palode, Chris Richardson, Micha Rogers, Nicole Rygiel, Austin Stanton, Richard Weekley, SMSgt. James W. Thornhill, drill team instructor; and Maj. Tim Krause, senior instructor. The team has won nearly 40 trophies in only five competitions.

'Creative' writing: Rumpel, Rumpel Edna Mae

The editor called me in his office the other day and suggested I take an ongoing evening class in creative writing.

"But," I said, "I took a class like that in college!"

"I've read your last two columns," he said. "Take another."

So, I did and here is what happened. Please note that I have cleverly changed the names so that no one will be able to identify the participants.

Since the class was in the Bay, I got lost getting there and arrived late. When I entered the room, I found Edna Mae, a little white haired lady from the Kiln had just finished reading her story. She was obviously nervous when she lowered her

paper and looked around the room.

For a moment no one spoke, although even I could tell that both Ida and a noisy idiot named Fred were dying to say something. But everyone waited on Blair, our group leader, to speak first.

"That was very good, Edna Mae," he said. "As usual, you write a very nice story." Blair slowly turned the pages of his copy of her short story looking for a point he wished to make. Finally finding it, he said, "Would you please turn to page two and look at the second paragraph?"

The rustle of turning pages filled the room as we all turned to the indicated page. "I think," Blair continued, "that that exclamation mark you have here should really be a period."

He paused, meditating over his remark. "I don't think," he said finally, "that the sentence was that strong."

"Well," said Edna Mae, studying the page. "I, er, wanted to project a feeling..."

"I thought we weren't supposed to use clichés!" interrupted Ida, obviously not able to contain herself any longer. Everyone in the group looked over to where she sat near the desk. "Damn it! is a cliché!" She stated smugly.

"What's a cliché?" asked Philip. He was sitting next to Ida and, peering at his copy of the story, began flipping pages to find out what she was talking about.

"You don't know what a cliché is?" asked Mary from across the room.

"Of course I know what a

cliché is," Philip answered indignantly. "I just don't know what she meant was a cliché."

"Damn it!" said Ida in her usual loud voice. "Damn it, I meant 'dam it' in her story, not damn it."

Several people joined Philip in looking confused, Mary most of all. Edna Mae spoke up defensively, "Damn it is not a cliché and besides I was trying to project..."

"It is too a cliché!" said Ida. "My Daddy said it was. He would never let me use it when I was young. He said it weakened the thought of whatever I was trying to say."

"But, your daddy was wrong," said Philip. "damn it is not a cliché. A cliché is 'slower than molasses'."

"I don't give a damn how slow it is!" yelled Ida standing up and



Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette
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glowering at Philip. "Are you telling me my Daddy was wrong?!!!"

"Please. Please," Blair interceded. "Let's everyone turn to page three." Ida sat down and things became a little calmer as we all turned to page three.

"Edna Mae did you mean to use an 'and' in that last sentence?" he paused and studied the sentence in question. The room became very quiet as we now began studying the sentence. "I think as it stands," another long pause "the sentence is a little long and it may be better broken up into two sentences. Perhaps if you..."

Fred, finding himself equal to Ida in being unable to contain himself, interrupted. "I don't think," he said impatiently, "that your heroine would have crumpled the paper in front of her boss!"

We all stopped our examination of the offending sentence and turned our attention to Fred.

"Here on page four," Fred explained addressing Edna Mae, "you have her crumple her letter in front of her boss. I don't believe she would have crumpled it in front of him."

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What's for Lunch? April 2-6

Bay St. Louis- Waveland School District Chef Salad, Milk and Condiments served daily BREAKFAST

Monday: No School for Students

Tuesday: Sausage and Biscuit, Assorted Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Wednesday: French Toast Sticks, Assorted Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Thursday: Sausage and Biscuit, Assorted Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Friday: Breakfast Pizza, Assorted Cereal, Toast, Juice

LUNCH

Monday: No School for Students

Tuesday: Pepperoni Pizza, Roast Beef Pobo with Trimmings, Parslied New Potatoes, Cheesy Broccoli, Pineapple Tidbits, Fresh Banana, Butter Cookie

Wednesday: Chicken Gumbo with Rice, Corn Dog Nuggets, Potato Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Frozen Fruit Juice Bar, Peanut Butter Chew, Crackers

Thursday: Taco Salad, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Cream-style Corn, Cheesy Broccoli/Cauliflower, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Chilled Pear

Friday: Lasagna, Texas Grilled Cheese, Cajun Fries, Green Peas, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Tropical Fruit Mix, Yellow Cake

with Icing, Yeast Roll Hancock North Central Gulfview

Charles B. Murphy and East Hancock Elementary Schools

Served daily:

Bread, Dessert, Milk and Condiments BREAKFAST

Monday: Cheese Toast, Juice

Tuesday: Chicken Pattie Biscuit, Juice

Wednesday: Egg Biscuit, Juice

Thursday: Breakfast Pizza, Juice

Friday: Ham Biscuit, Juice

LUNCH

Monday: Cheesy Chicken over Rice, Cheeseburger, Oven Fries, Steamed Broccoli, Raw Veggies, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Pudding

Tuesday: Red Beans and Rice with Sausage, Sliced Turkey on Bun with Gravy, Chef Salad, Ranch Baked Fries, Cheesy Calif. Veggies, Tossed Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Crackers, Gelatin

Wednesday: Baked Chicken, Ham Pobo, Tossed Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Potato Salad, Chilled Pears, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Fruit Crisp

Thursday: Pot Roast with Gravy, BBQ Sandwich, Chef Salad, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Sliced Apples, Fruit Juice, Biscuit, Crackers, Pudding

Friday: Salisbury Steak, Texas Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Spicy Fries, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Oatmeal-Raisin Cookie

Hancock High and Middle Schools

Served daily:

Chef Salad, Bread, Dessert, Milk and Condiments LUNCH

Monday: Cheesy Chicken over Rice, Meatball Sandwich, Cheeseburger, Oven Fries, Steamed Broccoli, Tossed Salad, Peach Slices, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Pudding

Tuesday: Red Beans with Rice and Sausage, Hot Roast on Bun with Gravy, Chef Salad, Ranch Baked Fries, Cheesy Calif. Veggies, Tossed Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Crackers, Gelatin

Wednesday: Chicken Gumbo, Ham Pobo, Chef Salad, French Fries, Corn on the Cob, Tossed Salad, Chilled Pears, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Crackers, Fruit Crisp

Thursday: Hamburger, BBQ Sandwich, Chef Salad, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Sliced Apples, Fruit Juice, Biscuit, Crackers, Pudding

Friday: Pizza, Fish Nuggets, Texas Grilled Cheese, Spicy Fries, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Yeast roll, Oatmeal-Raisin Cookie

All menus subject to change.



Numerous sixth grade students look on as Vo-Tech Metal Trades Instructor Reggie Ladner displays an item made in his class that emphasizes bench work, sheet metal, and machine shop abilities.

HMS sixth grade visits Vo-Tech Center

On March 14 Hancock Middle School sixth grade students visited the Hancock County Vo-Tech Center to learn about current course offerings and expand their knowledge of careers and career opportunities through the hands-on learning at the Vo-Tech Center.

The two-hour visit, made possible through the district's School-to-Careers grant, allowed students to visit classrooms in a specific cluster area.

The three areas were Cluster I - Business & Computer Technology, Technology Applications, Drafting, and Health; Cluster II - Child Care, Food Service, Lodging & Hospitality, and Cooperative Education; Cluster III - Auto

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Views -- Edna Mae

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"Why not?" retorted Edna Mae. She evidently had heard Fred's usually-stupid criticisms before and this sounded to her to be on a par with the best of them. "She was mad and she crumpled the paper! What could be wrong with that?"

"But it's out of character," argued Fred.

"No, it is not!" said Edna Mae emphatically. "She was mad and crumpling was her way of projecting that she was mad."

"You're right," joined in Ida. "Hell, I'd have had her crumple it and project it into her boss's face!"

"No, No, you're missing my point," said Fred, pompously turning to Ida. "You have to follow Character Development. In this case, her character stepped out of her well-defined character and did something..."

"It is my character," interrupted Edna Mae defensively. "and I can do anything with my character that..."

"No, no you can't" said Fred

turning back to her and speaking even more pompously. "Character Development is the most important part of a story and you..."

"No it is not," interrupted Philip. "Plot is! After that comes Advancement of Plot."

"Please," Blair placated, trying to reestablish control. "I think..."

"What she did advanced the damn plot," said Ida. "By crumpling the paper she expressed her inner tumult and rage."

"But that's the point," said Fred. "Inner, in the case of her character would stay in her! It would not come out and crumble!"

"What?" said Mary from across the room. She now appeared to be hopelessly confused.

"Don't you see ...," yelled Ida trying to cut back in.

"You can't possibly relate her crumpling to plot advancement!" said Philip "That is the most..."

"Please, Please," said Blair. "I'm trying to make a point here," said Fred loudly, waving his hands in front of him for emphasis. "Crumpling the paper..."

"Don't you wave your hand at me," yelled Ida, jumping and jabbing her index finger at Fred.

Edna Mae gave a muffled scream, jumped up and ran out of the room; a Kleenex pressed against her face. The pages of her four-page story lay strewn on the floor where she had sat.

"Oh, dear," said Blair. "Perhaps we should take a short break."

Fred stepped over to the chair Edna Mae had vacated and picked up the pages of the story she had thrown to the floor.

"See! See!" he said waving them in the air and obviously feeling vindicated. "They aren't crumpled!"

I can't wait till my next class.

Time -- fires

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informed four oil and gas companies that enforced limits on an improved Texas Flat Road would prevent their continued use of the artery. The board has suggested the companies shoulder a portion of the cost of an upgraded paving in order to insure continued use by their heavy trucks.

Board attorney Walter Gex said the oil company share of improving Texas Flat Road to state primary road status is approximately \$200,000. The oil companies are currently using Texas Flat Road as an access road to reach a gas refinery plant in the area.

FORTY YEARS AGO

March 16, 1961 - Jack Lott, (photo) eyes the first load of hardwood to be shipped from Hancock County. The barge was loaded on the Jourdan River by employees of Sam Whitfield, pulpwood dealer, and will be towed to the International Paper Company's mill in Moss Point.

- Sam J. Perniciaro has been

designated as a second Hancock County station for inspection of vehicles to begin April 1 under a new state law. Vehicles will have to be inspected in April, May, or June and annually thereafter to be permitted to use the highways of the state. Gulf Chevrolet was earlier designated and Batey's Gulf Service Station applied this week.

- The three members of the Bay St. Louis Commission Council announced for re-election in the upcoming primary. Incumbent Mayor John A. Scaffide, and Commissioner of Utilities J. Cyril Glover Jr., and Commissioner of Finance Warren Traub.

- Two boys and one girl from Valena C. Jones, Bay St. Louis made the Negro Gulf Coast All Conference basketball teams. The boys are E. Jones and T. Robertson and the girl, P. Poyadon.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

March 16, 1951 - O.W. Delph was elected chairman of the

Hancock County 4-H Advisory Council at a meeting of representatives of various businesses and organizations from the county. Other officers named were Johnson Shaw, Hancock County Board of Supervisors, vice chairman; and Miss Madge Alfred, Home Demonstration Agent and girls' 4-H Club leader, secretary-treasurer.

Logtown News - The Women's Society of Christian Service, local chapter, met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lamar Otis. Among those present were Mrs. Pauline Weston, Mrs. C. W. Fountain, Sr., Mrs. Ike Bennett, Mrs. Roy Baxter, and Mrs. C. W. Fountain Jr.

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St. Augustine Easter Egg Hunt

St. Augustine will sponsor its fourth annual Easter Egg Hunt for children after Easter Sunday Mass April 15 at 9 a.m. It will be held on the grounds of the seminary in front of the Chapel. All children, ages 12 and under, are invited to participate. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

St. Augustine will also have a bake sale after the Easter Sunday Mass. Donations of cakes or other treats for the bake sale are welcome. For more information, please contact Fr. Bob Kelly at 467-6414 or 467-4322.

Gulf Coast Messiah Chorus Concert

St. Augustine (Seminary) will also host a concert by the Gulf Coast Messiah Chorus on Sunday, April 22, at 3 p.m. St.

Augustine's address is 199 Seminary Drive, a short distance from Hwy 90 in Bay St. Louis. The concert will be held in St. Augustine's Chapel that faces Ulman Avenue. The concert will feature classical presentations along with other great music. Hilda Barnes is the conductor. The concert is free and everyone is invited.

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The USDA, Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from Southern Regional Wastewater Management District. The proposed project consists of upgrading and enlarging the treatment facilities in order to reduce discharge into the Edwards Bayou and Jourdan River.

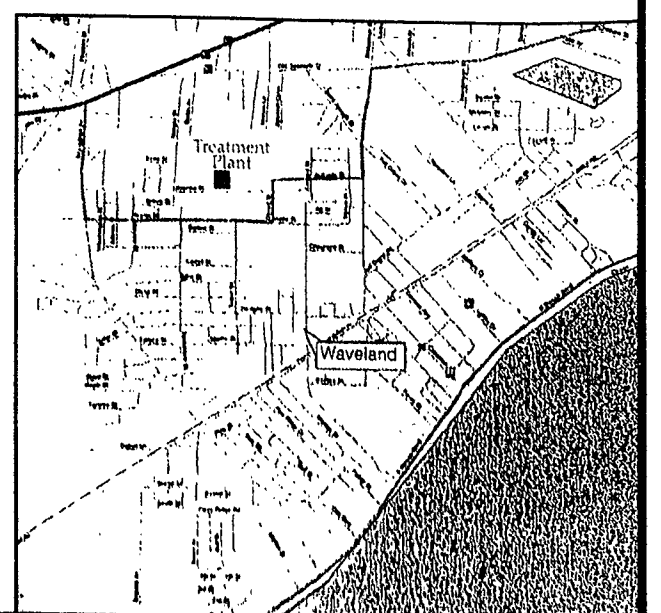
As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Rural Utilities Service has assessed the potential environmental effects of the proposed project and has determined that the proposal will not have a significant impact on the human environment and for which an Environment Impact Statement will not be prepared. The basis of this determination is reflected in the content of the Environment Report submitted on behalf of the Southern Regional Wastewater Management District.

The proposed project is located within the 100-year flood plain however the existing treatment facility is already located in the area. Based on the Corps of Engineers recommendation, a wetland consultant was contacted to perform the necessary wetland survey. This survey has been furnished to the Corps of Engineers for their permitting requirements. All applicable

permits must be obtained from the Department of Environmental Quality and the Corps of Engineers prior to the start of construction.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment can be reviewed at the Rural Development Area Office, 132 Mayfair Road, Hattiesburg, MS 39402. For further information please contact Robert W. Windham, Rural Development Specialist at 601-261-3293.

A general location map of the proposal is shown below:



Operation Wake-Up stages 'A Night of Politics'

Operation Wake-Up extends an invitation to a public forum on Tuesday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Williams Pit Barbeque (on the corner of Old Spanish Trail and Washington Street in Bay St. Louis).

Concerned citizens of Ward 3 have been meeting and dis-

cussing topics that are of concern in their community. The public and any other community leaders are invited to come out and express their agenda.

Meetings have been conducted every Tuesday of the month of March. They will continue until otherwise noted in the

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Any who wish to come are also invited to "A Night of Politics."

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Weddings



Mr. and Mrs. Luther Gilbert III

Gilbert-Carver marry

Joy Carver and Luther E. Gilbert III were united in marriage January 20, 2001 in a candlelight ceremony at the home of the bride's mother.

Destin Carver, daughter of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mike Gibbs was best man.

The bride is the daughter of Monte Greenway of Bay St. Louis and William H. Geno of Ashland, Miss.

She is a graduate of Kellam High School in Virginia Beach,

Va. and attended Jefferson Davis Junior College. She is employed with Hotel Reed Nursing Center.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gilbert Jr. of Virginia Beach. He is also a Kellam High School, Virginia Beach, graduate and is employed at Avondale Shipyard in New Orleans.

The couple will reside in Waveland.

Births



CADE ALEXANDER AND CONNER ISAIAH WILLIAMS

Carl Jeffery and Tracy Annette Williams of Picayune announce the birth of twins, Cade Alexander and Conner Isaiah, March 14, 2001 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Mrs. Williams is the former Tracy Annette Weems. Maternal grandparents are Sherwood "Joe" and Mary Jim Weems of Picayune.

Paternal grandparents are Hubert and Helen Williams of Petal.

DEREK BLAIZE BREERWOOD

Adam Jude and Shana Marie Breerwood of Poplarville announce the birth of a son, Derek Blaize, March 13, 2001 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Maternal grandparents are Gary and Bobbie Scarborough of Picayune.

Paternal grandparents are Jamey and Derek Breerwood of Slidell.

KAITLYN HOPE LYLE

James Ralph II and Kelli Moore Lyle announce the birth of a daughter, Kaitlyn Hope, March 12, 2001 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Maternal grandparents are Bro. Ricky and Kathy Moore of Kiln.

Paternal grandparents are Ralph and Jan Lyle of Pearl River, La.

Monotype print exhibit, reception set at the Depot

The Turquoise Turtle, Fine Art Printmaking Studio, will sponsor an exhibit of original monotype prints at the Bay St. Louis Depot.

All of the prints in the exhibit were created in a six-week class at the Turquoise Turtle under the instruction of artist/printmaker Gwen Impson. This exhibit marks the completion of the first classes held at the recently opened printmaking studio.

Artists participating in the exhibit are Randy Arnest, Kathe Calhoun, Jeanne Gilman, Gail Mollring and Joseph Pearson. Although the artists are experienced in various media, this was their first printmaking class.

"Monotypes are known as the painterly form of printmaking," Gwen Impson explains. "It is a fun, uncomplicated, spontaneous method of printmaking

resulting in original one-of-a-kind prints. For that reason it is an ideal way for artists to explore the possibilities of printmaking."

Impson studied printmaking at the Graphics Atelier in Virginia and Pyramid Atlantic in Maryland. Before moving to the Gulf Coast she was a founding member of Access Print Studio, a printmaking co-op, where she worked with printmakers from Ireland, Russia, Costa Rica and California.

Her dream of opening her own studio came true in January when she and her husband opened Turquoise Turtle, Fine Art Printmaking Studio and Custom Framing, located at 511 Ulman Avenue, behind the Hancock Library. For information, call 342-0324.

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Hancock Schools report card information

Third quarter report cards for students in the Hancock County School District will be handled independently by each school in the district.

Charles B. Murphy Elementary and East Hancock Elementary sent report cards home with students on March 26, Hancock North Central Elementary sent report cards home with students on March 29. Gulfview Elementary will send report cards home with students on April 5.

For parents with students at Hancock High or Hancock Middle Schools, career education plans must be signed prior to report card pickup.

Hancock High report card pickup is April 3 and April 5 from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Hancock Middle School report card pickup is April 3 and April 5 from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the individual schools or the Superintendent's Office at 255-0376.

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You are invited to attend a Holy Week Meditation presented by Our Lady of the Gulf Choir Edward M. Grotkowski Conductor



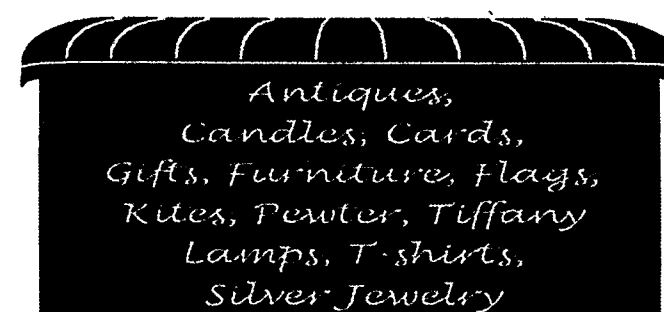
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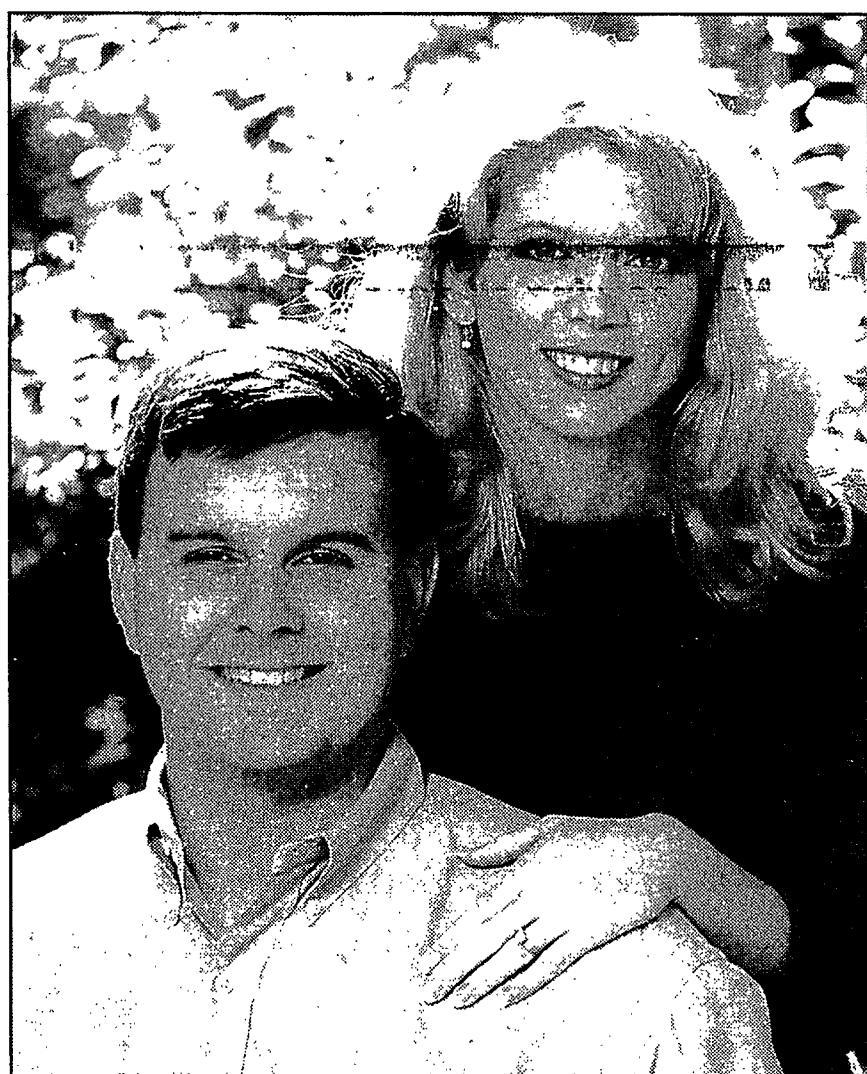
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Mendi LaFontaine and Chris Roberts

LaFontaine-Roberts to wed

Al and Judy LaFontaine of Long Beach announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Mendi LaFontaine, to Chris Roberts, son of Bruce and Nancy Roberts of Gulfport.

The bride-elect is a Long Beach High School graduate and attended the University of Southern Mississippi. She is an agent with Keating Insurance

Agency, Inc. The prospective groom is a graduate of Harrison Central High School and attended Mississippi State University. He is employed with Neel-Schaffer in Hattiesburg.

The wedding will take place May 5, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

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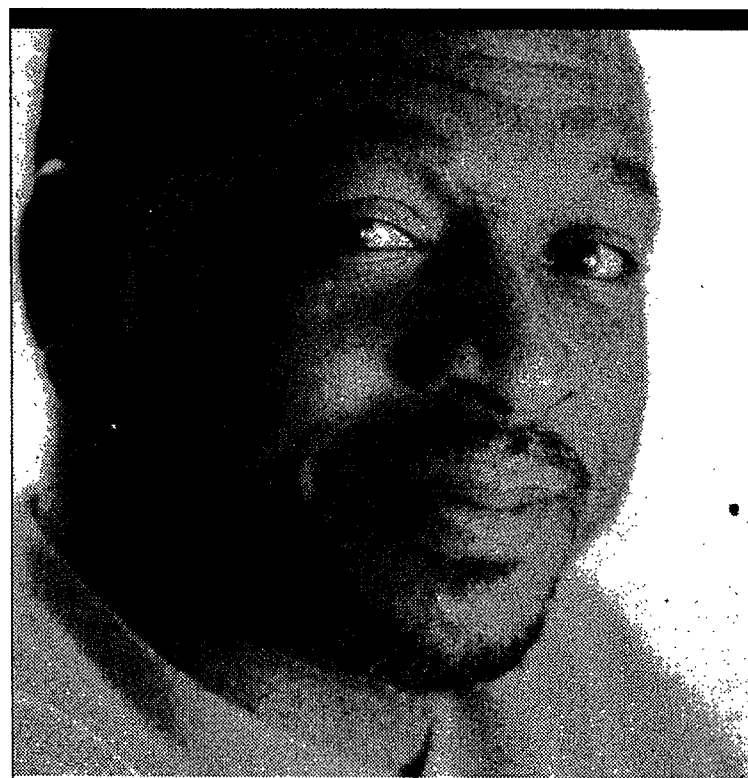
CHAPTER 233

TOPS, MS 233 met Thursday, March 29 at the Waveland Public Library. Best TOPS loser for the week was Elaine with 6 3/4 pounds. Top KOPS was Debbie with 2 1/2 pounds. There were 19 members present.

The incentive award was won by Charlotte, who donated it to the club, and the gift was won by Elaine.

April 5 will be installation of new officers, and there will be a shower for Lisa who achieved KOPS. April 19, there will be no meeting due to SRD. May 12, club members will participate in the Health Fair at Hancock Medical Center.

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Entertainment

'Tribute to the King' at Casino Magic BSL

You've seen Elvis impersonators before, but have you seen Elvis reincarnated?

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See Travis LeDoyt at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis April 3 - 8, at 8 and 10:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and at 6 and 8:30 p.m. on Sunday.

LeDoyt was selected and approved last year by the Graceland Committee, Elvis Presley Enterprises, and the Tupelo Convention Bureau to perform at The Elvis Presley Festival in Elvis' hometown.

LeDoyt does not attempt to imitate all phases of Elvis, he focuses on his younger years. They felt he best represented young Elvis in his prime more than any other applicant nationwide.

Crowd reaction was stunning. A second show was added the next day and Travis appeared on the front page of the newspaper all three days of the festival.

Travis LeDoyt was born in Greenfield, Mass. The third of five children it was evident at an early age that Travis seemed destined to entertain. His impish behavior and clever wit were responsible for providing a good deal of levity and laughter within the LeDoyt household.

Growing up he was exposed to a broad variety of musical styles, from country to Swing, to Rock and Roll, as well as class-

cal. His fascination with music and instruments led to formal piano lessons at the age of 9. Before long Travis was writing his own songs. Over the years, Travis LeDoyt has developed into a truly remarkable talent; singer, performer, songwriter, and musician (piano, keyboard, guitar), but most of all he is fast becoming one of America's most convincing, jaw-dropping tribute acts to ever grace the stage.

Although not an immediate fan of Elvis, as LeDoyt got to know more about the man and his music, he came to understand why Elvis was dubbed and will forever be known as "The King" of Rock and Roll.

Particularly appealing to LeDoyt are Elvis' early years, the Sun recordings, a time when a kid out of nowhere became a legend, not only for his music but for his generosity, his humility, his desire to be an individual whom his peers would not only admire ... but respect.

It is with the utmost admiration and respect for Elvis that Travis LeDoyt offers his tribute to the man who shaped a generation.

Born in 1977, the year Elvis died, LeDoyt never had the opportunity to see the King. Through his remarkable resemblance and his incredible talent to emulate to perform the voice and style, Travis flawlessly captures the essence of Elvis in his prime.

Specializing in the 1954-1959 years. He performs a one-to-two-hour historic concert tribute with his band, "Tales From The Heartbreak Hotel".



Travis LeDoyt as the young Elvis

Crosby Arboretum April programs

Strawberries and Cream Sunday, April 1, 1-3 p.m.

Bring the entire family to the Crosby Arboretum in Picayune to enjoy a special afternoon. Children will love fishing in the pond (bring your own poles and bait), canoe rides, and a nature tour at 2 p.m.

Of course, we'll supply the refreshments and strawberries. Bring a friend. This special celebration will take place in the award-winning Pinecote Pavilion. Admission is free to Arboretum members and open to the public.

Kids: Beginner's Birding for Children Saturday, April 21 10-11 a.m.

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The last breath of Lent

Encroaching old age holds many surprises due to the fact that one is plying heretofore uncharted waters. Not even the reflections and observations of others who grew old ahead of you prepare you for many nuances and very personal experiences unique to you as an individual.

One such experience surprised me a week ago as I went through the task of delivering a parish mission (revival). From my days as a very young priest until quite recently, my thoughts and whole thrust were toward what I would say to the people who were making themselves a part of a revival.

What a jolt it was for me last week to realize suddenly that my whole thrust had shifted 180 degrees. Rather than wondering what I would tell the revival participants, I was fully preoccupied with what I should tell myself, and how I might convert, change and improve in my own attitude.

Surprisingly, the old truism that an evangelist must be completely converted before evangelizing others, hit me with amazing force.

Not surprisingly, it took all the pressure off deciding exactly what I should say and do during the revival. It put both peace in my mind and fire in my belly.

Unlike preaching to the choir, it is quite incredible how easy and meaningful it is to preach to others when the preaching feels directed full force at oneself first and only secondarily at others. The added benefit is a constant overhaul of one's attitudes, speech, behavior and poor habits.

Relaxed, yet buoyant, I confessed openly to the people in church: "As I was walking around meditating and wondering just what I would say to you at the revival, I found myself preaching to myself, trying to reform myself. Then I knew with conviction that I would tell you what I had told myself."

Without my intending it, the revival became a full-scale retreat for me, as if I were the one being addressed by a retreat director. In the best sense of the word, I had become a pilgrim rabbit, pursued, overwhelmed and soon to be consumed by Jesus, the great Hound of Heaven.

I suspect many, if not most, evangelists experience this mind-bending conversion much earlier in their careers. All I can say is, I thank God that it is being accomplished in me at least in my declining years. I never realized communicating the Good News

could be so relaxing and yet exhilarating.

Had you asked me about this switch in my preaching focus even a couple of years ago, I would not have understood what on earth you were talking about, because it was not happening then. Now that it is happening, I am wholly caught up in the wonderment of why it took so long to discover what is so logical, so spiritual, so practical, so real, so effective and so relaxing.

On a related note, a half dozen preachers held forth at a funeral last week.

While they were, of course, keying in on the family, the words were finding their primary target in me, at least in my case. It is only logical to feel this way, but it took many a year for the attitude to take hold in me.

"All of us are going to die," one minister began. "We just don't know when, how and under what circumstances."

The plight of the family was always in focus, but the words of the minister burned inside my mind until I realized we are all just family anyway, and each individual must take every admonition to heart in a personal way. So, I was being addressed directly, personally. Yes, age has changed many things.

As the last breath of Lent 2001 is being drawn, I do not hesitate to throw out my usual challenges at all who will listen. Two people were complaining about their diabetes and high blood pressure. I got their attention immediately by asking them whether they wanted to get rid of their problems.

"You can bring your diabetes and high blood pressure under complete control in one month if you stop consuming all animal products and whatever is derived from animal products. Then, avoid all canned and preserved things." "Oh, but that's so hard!" one moaned.

"Hard?" I jumped in. "The only truly hard thing in this case is being sick. I don't see how you can consider even a radical remedy hard if it will make you well. Tell me what to do to get well, and I will gladly do it!"

"Oh, but that's so hard," is as startling by its frequency and pervasiveness as by its illogic and self-destructiveness. During these waning days of Lent 2001, this would be a meaningful project: overcome the reluctance and hesitation brought on by addiction to food, drink or anything else.

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Easter Day: 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite I; 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II. Easter egg hunt immediately after the 10 a.m. service.



Holy Week celebrations

Main St. Methodist Church Holy Week celebrations will be Palm Sunday, April 8. The children's choir will present the palms in a singing procession. The choir is under the direction of Marby Erickson. A Wednesday night concert of Bill and Gloria Gaither music will be presented by all vocal choirs and ensembles. This includes a reception in the multi-purpose building and a Lenten display provided by the Sunday School of Main St. Methodist. In addition, there will be a Maundy Thursday Communion and Good Friday service. All night services will begin at 7 p.m. and will be in the church sanctuary. The A Cappella Choir is one of the ensembles to perform at the Gaither concert Wednesday.

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There is a sense in which Christianity is a two-stage affair. There is emphasis upon the spiritual. Jesus puts it this way, "You must be born again" (John 3:7).

New birth is spiritual. The Holy Spirit in the human heart is a down payment on good things to come. God "gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge" (2 Corinthians 1:22). This is stage one.

There is a second stage. "We ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body" (Romans 8:23). We speak of our need for redeemed souls. The Bible also speaks of redeemed

bodies.

Beyond doubt, we need souls fit for heaven so that we can "depart and be with Christ" (Philippians 1:23). We want to join "the spirits of the righteous made perfect" (Hebrews 12:23). But that is not all. Since Christ was raised from the dead, He "will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory" (Philippians 3:21).

What kind of body is this? "It is sown a natural body [think burial], it is raised a spiritual body [think resurrection]" (1 Corinthians 15:44).

Spiritual bodies are fit for the spiritual realm. They are fit for heaven. God prepares us for heaven, soul and body.

St. Ann-St. John
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Longfellow
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Jeremiah 29:11
To see a world in a grain of sand and a heaven in a wild flower is to hold infinity in the palm of your hand and eternity in an hour.

William Blake
The really happy person is the one who can enjoy the scenery when he has to take a detour.

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.

The Lord works out everything for His own ends.

Proverbs 16:3-4
You're only here for a short visit. Don't hurry, don't worry,

and stop to smell the flowers along the way.

Walter Hagen
Don't forget to set your clock forward Saturday night.

Visitors to the area are always welcome to attend the churches in Clermont Harbor and Lakeshore.

The Saturday Vigil Mass in Clermont Harbor on Lower Bay Road is 5 p.m.

Sunday mass is at 8 a.m. at St. John Church, 6236 on Lakeshore Road.

The Sunday mass at St. Ann Church in Clermont Harbor is at 10:30 a.m.

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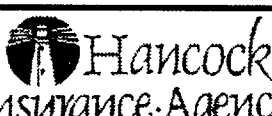
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CHAPTER 233
TOPS, MS 233 met Thursday, March 22 at the Waveland Public Library. Best TOPS loser for the week was Wenda with 3 3/4 pounds. There were 15 members present.

The Incentive Award was won by Charlotte, and the gift was won by Pat. JoAnn Hillie was guest speaker, and Charlotte was honored on her

birthday.

TOPS 233 meets every Thursday at the Waveland Library.

Weigh-ins are 5-5:45 p.m. with the meeting following. Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS 233 chapter. Call Charlotte at 467-5790.

CHAPTER 307
TOPS, MS 307, Waveland, met Wednesday, March 21 at the Waveland Public Library with 10 members present.

Desarae was the week's best loser with 5 pounds. Paula was top KOPS. Beverly won the incentive award, and Bobby won the raffle.

Desarae and Rhonda each received a charm for losing 6 and 12 weeks in a row, respectively. Bobby earned a charm for a 10-pound loss.

The next meeting was March 28 with eight members present.

Desarae and Rhonda tied for week's best loser with 3 pounds each. Sheri was top KOPS, and Ruth won the incentive award. Visitor Paul was welcomed.

The chapter meets every Wednesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are 4:45-5:30 p.m. with the meeting following.

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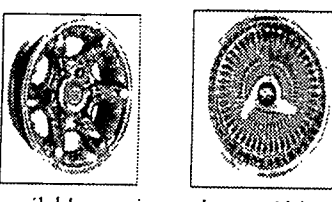
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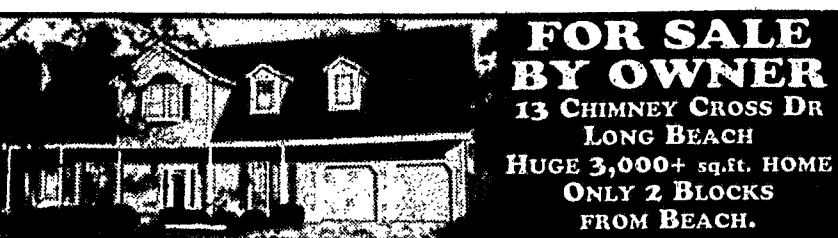
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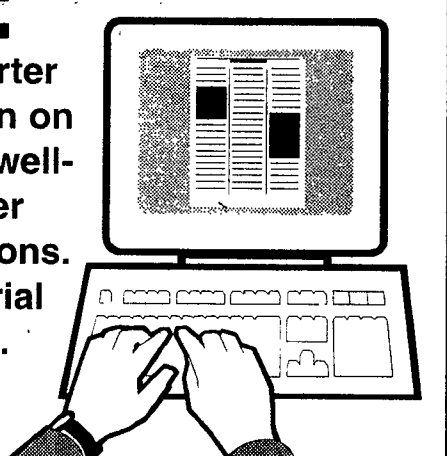
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